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A Third of a Century

As we approach November 21, a date that marks the unique 33 1/3-year anniversary of *The Wanderer*, I can't help but reflect on our journey. It's a milestone that sets us apart, having published our first edition on July 24, 1992. This must be some record, 33 1/3, a third of a century. It's not like 45 or 72 years, but I imagine that joke will be lost on a lot of younger folks. For that third of a century, as some folks know, I've been running the show, so to speak. Week in and week out for 1,700 editions now. That's a lot of ink! And it's all thanks to your unwavering support and readership that we've been able to reach this milestone.

Recently, I've been thinking about the future, both mine and my legacy, *The Wanderer*. It's important to me that *The Wanderer* continues to support the community. I have some years left; after all, Donald Jason ran the *Presto Press* for 36 years, another record to pursue. That gives me about three years to find a successor, but it must be the right transition.

Over the years, I've gained a profound understanding of the vital role local journalism plays in our community. It's not just about reporting the news, but also about empowering you, our readers, with the knowledge you need to make informed decisions. Did you know that many sources show an increase in local government budget costs without local professional journalism? It's a fact that underscores the importance of our work. I usually refrain from such discussions, as they might be perceived as self-promotion however, it's crucial to be transparent and let our readers know the importance of knowledge. Therefore, it is vital to continue *The Wanderer*, even after I move on, to ensure you continue to have access to this vital information.

While I have time, years even, I want to explore options that will best suit the three towns we have always focused on. One option is for *The Wanderer* to be "passed down" to a new publisher. The second option I have started exploring is building a nonprofit collective, with a group of experienced members, to guide the newspaper for future generations. With the right board, it could be very successful, leading to a more comprehensive newspaper than our small team can provide. This would also open the door for endowments and grants. Currently, 100% of our operating costs are covered by advertising

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As we look ahead to the next third of a century, we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and readership. *The Wanderer* exists because of you, and we eagerly anticipate serving as your Tri-town newspaper for many more years. Your feedback is invaluable to us, so please share your thoughts with us at support@wanderer.com. Thank you for being a part of *The Wanderer* family.
Paul Lopes, Editor

Old Rochester Regional Drama Club Presents…

Pre-Show Interviews

By Sam Bishop

The ORR Drama Club will be performing their rendition of *Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery at* 7:00 pm from November 20 to November 22, with a final showing at 2:00 pm Sunday, November 23.

The fast-paced comedy play was originally written by Brian D. Taylor in 2013 following rehearsing actors suddenly embroiled in a murder mystery. Hence, a *Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery.*

In choosing this play, Director Brayden Fanti said, "My absolute favorite genre of theatre is farce, because I genuinely love creating the controlled chaos. This is a genre we've tackled before, but I felt this show takes it up to a fresh and new level that these students have not had the chance to perform before. And it's a whole lot of fun."

For their favorite part, Assistant Director Vanessa Medieros said, "My favorite part of Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery is the subtle comedic timing in the character dialogue. It's been so much fun watching the students thrive and bring their roles to life. Their unique traits create a wonderfully cohesive comedy, and it's been a joy to experience."

In terms of challenges faced in production, Stage Manager Max Chace said, "The biggest challenges we

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faced had to be getting the quick timing of this show down. The actors' lines have to flow at a quick pace, and getting the timing of the lights and sound down as well was a challenge, but we did it."

Actor Lincoln Fauteaux, playing Richard Polk, said of his favorite part, "In a show where these characters are forced to replay the same scene over and over again, the character of Richard matches my excitement and genuinely enjoys every part of this show no matter how many times he has to do it."

Actor Amanda Tomasso, playing Ms. Polly, when asked for some behind-the-scenes details of the play, said, "The best part of watching this show behind the scenes is seeing the whole thing coming together from scratch. Watching actors at the very beginning, grinding to learn their lines, and seeing where they are now. Thinking about where the set started, and what it looks like now. That is my favorite part."

Finally, when asked what he wanted audiences to walk away with, Director Brayden Fanti said, "More than anything, I want the audience to be able to forget about the outside world for just a night and lose themselves in this whacky show. It is a wild production that absolutely doesn't take itself too seriously and allows the cast and crew to just have fun. That is a brilliant lesson that any audience member can take home with them."

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By Laura McLean

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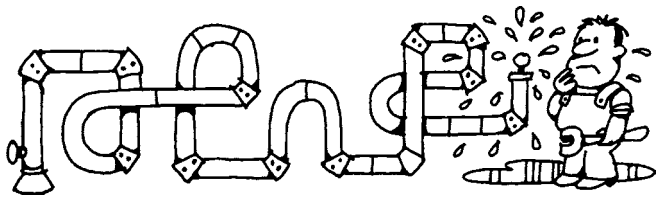

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this November day, I managed to install my second round of bulbs – something that feels like a huge achievement as the workweek and other commitments compete for my time. And you never know how the weather will be on the weekend.

I adore planting bulbs, but as I noted here a few weeks ago, I hold off planting them because I pretty much want the ground to seal over and harden as soon as I install them, so the pesky squirrels won't dig them up. It's a strategy I hold fast to. I used to actually fasten old screens over the area where I'd planted and also shook red pepper around the bulb installation as a deterrent. Not the most efficient system, admittedly. Now, I simply hold off until mid to late November.

I'd nearly forgotten about ordering bulbs this year but had saved my copy of John Scheepers catalog: *Beauty From Bulbs/The Art & Soul of Spring*. The Connecticut-based company has long been my go-to for bulbs, and I can't resist ogling their color photos, *oohing* and *ahhing* every page.

I would go so far as to say that bulb catalogs are the gardener's version of Sports Illustrated's annual swimsuit edition. I've long since given up trying to be thin or gutsy enough to wear the gear from the latter. I'd rather be outfitting my garden with fritillaria than myself with pieces that have the feel and resilience of Clingwrap. It's not so much an acquiescence to middle age as it is a preference for the practical. Bulbs are accessible, inexpensive, attractive and diverse and last many seasons.

When it comes to popularity, nothing tops the tulip. They were once so coveted that $25,000 was paid for a single bulb. I'm referring to the episode of Tulipmania that gripped 17th-century Holland! Between 1634 and 1637, a major financial phenomenon resulted from the frenzy created over the tulip, something that would never be repeated on such a scale in the horticultural world.

While tulips are typically my main interest when I shop bulbs, (Scheepers has 29 pages of them) daffodils (represented in equal numbers) are surely second. There are so many types, it's almost exhausting to search through them all. Whatever hue and size you desire, you will find it here. Before being swept away, I urge

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you to try to think of specific sections of the garden and the color you would like to see come next spring. What perennials will be in bloom? Do you want it to be an informal, natural-looking garden or a statement about color? When in the spring season do you want it to bloom (early, middle or late), and what can you do to disguise the withering foliage once the blooms have passed.

Tulips often require replanting each year, except in the case of species tulips. So, it was natural that this was the bulb that most filled my cart. I have a raised bed off of our back deck, and it is dazzling to have it brimming with all sorts of colors and shapes of tulips. You might not want to plant a border in the same manner, but this is largely for cutting so I don't need a uniform design

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My other favorite kind of tulip is the Rembrandt reminiscent of the 17th-century Tulipmania varieties, but they were out of stock by the time I placed my order. I did secure a batch of Emperor tulips which come from a wild species from Central Asia. My choice "Flames Mystery" will add a bright red color to our patio area next April, and with a little luck they will naturalize.

The tulips still await planting, but I did put in a number of bulbs thus far including the recent narcissus "Silver Chimes" that promise eight flowers per stem with a silvery white perianth and a soft primrose-yellow cup that pales as it matures. I installed them between the prostrate juniper that serves as a base to our Elizabeth Magnolia. A few years back I'd put miniature bulbs here where they continue to be, but I realized they didn't really show well (too diminutive), so I'm hoping these Narcissi will work and also jibe well with the soft yellow blossoms of the tree.

One never really knows exactly how your canvas will look when they emerge in spring, but I try to envision the picture I'm trying to create. I added more Spanish

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bluebells to a section of the woodland garden, under an ailing rhododendron and a handful of erythronium commonly called dog's tooth violet or trout lily. To give a natural look, I placed them between an old decaying stump and a standard hydrangea "Pinky Winky."

Another bulb (actually a tuber) that I am testing this year is winter Aconite, one of the earliest spring bloomers. This 1892 naturalizer yields vivid, lemon-yellow flowers that hungry bees need to thrive after their long winter hibernation. They are also deer and rodent resistant. I planted them for a splash of color near our little fishpond. And finally, though I have many snowdrops along the front wall that have spread over the years, I was intrigued by the "nivalis Flore Pleno" or

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double snowdrop. This will go in a side bed where the light is filtered, and the soil retains a bit of moisture and only a few spring blooms reside.

The act of planting bulbs is part mechanical – using the t-handled bulb planter to open the soil and then placing the bulb the required number of inches deep and then tenderly yet firmly covering the opening. But it also has a mental component: sparking daydreams of creating a living masterpiece – much like the gardens Claude Monet meticulously cultivated at Giverny, designed specifically to inspire his paintings. Channeling my inner Monet, I can only hope my own garden will offer some art-worthy brushstrokes of its own.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." – Audrey Hepburn

'Hi-Viz' Vests Available in Marion

Marion: Be Seen, Be Safe

By Sam Bishop

A new initiative has just been launched in Marion. In an effort to increase pedestrian safety, free "hi-viz" (high-visibility) vests are now available, with proof of Marion residency. Being dispersed from the Marion Town Hall Annex, 14 Barnabas Road, the vests are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

You can get the vests from the building's greeters from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The event is sponsored by the Marion Board of Health. Vice-Chair Edward P. Hoffer, MD, told The Wanderer the program has begun, and residents can now come, at times cited, to pick up

their vests. Hoffer said the town ordered about 100 adult vests and 50 child-sized at the current time. He mentioned that, since they were ordered from Amazon, if more are needed, it's easy to order more.

He said this "grew out of an experience I had a couple weeks ago. It was around 7:00 pm; I almost hit someone with dark clothing walking a dark dog." To increase public safety and their visibility, the "cart full of vests" is currently at the Annex. Hoffer added, when referring to dark clothing, "you may be visible inside, in the light, but you're not visible outside." As anyone who has driven around town at night, that's fairly self-evident, especially with Tabor Academy students out and about.

So far, only a couple of people have reached out to pick up vests, but the Board of Health and Town Hall Annex are ready to go, and excited to see how the initiative performs.

Using AI for Health Information

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

Health information has always been one of the top reasons people turn to the Internet. "Dr. Google" has helped answer many questions, though the fact that savvy programmers could ensure high placement and that sponsored sites got preferred placement meant that the results were sometimes suspect.

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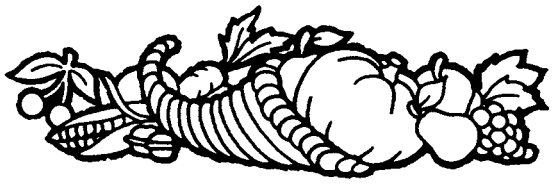

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get health information, even though misinformation about many subjects exceeds valid information. Just because someone says something loudly does not make it true.

Another terrible place to get health information is from "influencers" on TikTok or Instagram, most of whom are paid to push a product or service.

I have long advocated that seekers after valid health information turn to trusted sites maintained by non-profits or major health systems.

For information about vaccines, Google "Vaccine Information Center," a site maintained by The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. For female health issues, go to ACOG.org and click on For Patients (this is the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology). For children's health, go to Healthychildren.org, a site maintained by the American Academy of Pediatrics. For general health questions, there is a wealth of good material at clevelandclinic.org under the Health Library tab.

The newest way to get help with health-related questions is to use one of the Large Language Model (LLM) "chatbots," such as Gemini, Claude or ChatGPT, and use of these programs has exploded. Health questions are among the top inquiries they handle.

Before getting into specific suggestions, it is crucial to remind you that these programs do not think – they apply statistical methods to generate relevant text in response to queries. You can think of them as "autocorrect on steroids." Just as your phone or email program usually anticipates what you are going to say and advance types it, LLMs generally give helpful responses. They also can be wildly off-base, having no "common sense" to check their replies.

If you are asking a chatbot for advice, be as specific as possible. The more detail you give them, the better their response. Don't say "I have a cough. What could it be?" Say: "I am a healthy 32-year-old with 3 days of a dry cough, a mild sore throat and a fever of 99 to 100."

Ask the bot what more it wants to know. A follow-up to its initial response should be "what else do you want to ask me to help answer my question?"

Remember that chatbots want to please. They will always give you an answer, even if they must invent something. So-called "hallucinations" are a very real phenomenon.

They will also appear confident in their responses when they should not be – if something appears odd, ask them for the source of their information – and check that source.

Do not rely solely on an LLM. They are best used as the start of a health information search, not the end. They can prime you for what to ask your doctor and can give you alternatives to consider.

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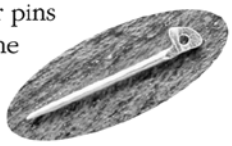
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Montgomery Captures Montreal

This Week in Revolutionary History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in and around the colonial Province of Massachusetts Bay. Last week, Washington had to curb the anti-Catholic celebrations inherent to Guy Fawkes Day. This was primarily to not alienate the Catholic Quebecois, for whom Washington hoped to win the favor of on the battlefield. In Canada, the Continental Army moved closer to Montreal, capturing Fort Saint-Jean. Even with that victory, Colonel Bennedict Arnold's column faces severe supply shortages and abandonment. The British appeals to those enslaved also began, with thousands fleeing their brutal plantations to take up the ranks in the British Army. Finally, the Continental Congress had voted on and approved another mission into Canada. This time, to send a seaborne assault with marine divisions to capture Nova Scotia.

On November 12, 1775, Washington issues his General Orders from Cambridge and in them, details various actions required by new recruits, primarily focused on the incoming winter. He says those enlisting will need to furnish their own weapons, although uniforms and blankets will be provided. He does say. "Two dollars will be allowed to each non-commissioned officer, and soldier, who provides himself with a good blanket," a nice incentive to supply for yourself even more.

Much of the orders regard the enlistment, or re-enlistment, soldiers, with Washington adding, "The officers are to be careful not to enlist any person, suspected of being unfriendly to the liberties of America, or any abandoned vagabond to whom all causes and countries are equal and alike indifferent - The rights of mankind and the freedom of America will have numbers sufficient to support them, without resorting to such wretched assistance - Let those who wish to put shackles upon freeman fill their ranks." Ironically and unfortunately, Washington explicitly outlaws Africans or those "unfit to endure the fatigues of the campaign" from enlisting, a sharp contrast to the British who are rally support among the enslaved. At the time, there were around half-a-million enslaved people in the Thirteen Colonies. The total population of the colonies was around 2.5 million.

On November 13, Washington hears from Colonel Bennedict Arnold. "The wind has been so high these three nights that I have not been able to cross the river" says Arnold, writing from Pointe de Lévy, just across the Saint Lawrence River from Quebec City. That same day, Brigadier General Richard Montgomery crosses the Saint

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Charles and arrives on Pointe-Saint-Charles, an island of Montreal. The garrison and people of Montreal surrender without much of a fight, welcoming Montgomery.

The next day, Washington's General Orders are jubilant, declaring "This moment a confirmation is arrived, of the glorious success of the Continental Arms, in the reduction, and surrender, of the Fortress of St Johns." He has not yet been notified of Montreal. He continues, "The Commander in Chief is confident, the army under his immediate direction, will shew their gratitude to Providence, for thus favoring the cause of freedom and America."

On November 16, Washington gives his instructions to Colonel Henry Knox for what will become a legendary expedition. He writes, "You are immediately to examine into the state of the artillery of this army & take an account of the cannon, mortars, shells, lead & ammunition that are wanting; When you have done that, you are to proceed in the most expeditious manner to New York." Knox is to travel to New York City and then head north to Ticonderoga or further to gather captured artillery and armaments for Washington's use. "After you have procured as many of these Necessaries as you can there, you must go to Major General Schuyler & Get the remainder from Ticonderoga, Crown point, or St Johns - If it should be necessary, from Quebec, if in our hands - the want of them is so great, that no trouble or expense must be spared to obtain them." Thus began the "Knox Expedition," otherwise known as the "noble train of artillery."

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On November 17, Washington writes to Major General Artemas Ward, also stationed in the area, with another warning with the dropping temperatures. He writes, "As the season is fast approaching when the bay between us and Boston will, in all probability be close shut up, thereby rendering any movement upon the ice as easy as if no water was there." If the Charles River is the freeze, either General William Howe will be able to flee the city or receive reinforcements for the British garrison. Washington is further pushing the idea of a pre-winter offensive, though is still unsure of the exact methods.

Andrew Daniel's Petition

By Sam Bishop

Marion will hold its Fall Town Meeting this Monday, November 24 at 6:45 pm in the Sippican School Multipurpose Room. Andrew Daniel, resident and Planning Board Chair, filed a Citizen's Petition regarding the separation of water and sewer meters. Leading up to the vote, Daniel spoke to The Wanderer regarding the reasoning for his petition, his drive for filing it, as well as the support he's garnered in doing so.

"This started because I was doing a project for my house," he started, after being asked of the origin of the filing. In doing the work, he said "Man, I'm spending a fortune in sewer fees." I asked of the importance of his initiative, and the timing of it. He referred to the town's past, saying , "they've talked about the second meter as long as I've been in town - the timing was kinda perfect." He continued, "As you start researching, most towns have the ability to split. I noticed Fairhaven, Wareham, Mattapoisett, they had votes similar to this one." He later continued, "It's the fair and the right thing to do. I've heard it again and again from the other towns. The other towns saw a small increase in water and a decrease in sewers. I don't think you should be a millionaire to take pride in your property, or water your lawn or wash your car.

I asked how the public perception has been and whether he has largely heard support or detraction. "I started meeting with people, I heard some sad stories. They had to stop taking care of their outside because they couldn't afford it," he responded. For a Citizen's Petition, the document needs 100 signatures to be brought forward at Fall Town Meeting. Daniel collected those the final day applications were open, September 18. "I thought there was no way I'd get 100 signatures by the end of the night. I got 120 within like 6 hours." He said he has gotten support from many residents since filing the petition on the final open-day. "I've learned a lot," he finished.

He referenced issues and discrepancies he's detected in town, saying "A lot of people have put in well. If you're driving around and see a really nice lawn, odds are, it's a well. They're expensive and a gamble," he said, referring to the unknown water quality of well-drilling.

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I referred to the Select Board meeting from October, where Daniel and the board argued over the petition and the Select Board presenting arguments against, cautioning against strikes to the town's budget. He said, "the Select Board agree, but they're worried about the financial impact, which I understand." He finished on budgetary concerns, saying "But it's all a guess."

For his final comments on the petition, Daniel said, "It would be allowing people the opportunity to have a choice. Now they have no choice." He then stated, should the petition not pass, "At the very least, I got the conversation started." He finished, "My intent wasn't to cause trouble. It's time for the rate-payers to get a small victory. Whenever there's a debt, the whole town gets a vote, but it's a small share paying the bill. Give them a choice. That's it. The premise of it is pretty hard to deny. It's not going to be a big money-saver to most people. But if I was allowed to put in a second meter, I would definitely take advantage of that. At least I know I'm paying for the services I'm getting."

Andrew Daniel's Citizen's Petition is to be Article 2 of the Fall Town Meeting. Article 1 is the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) bylaw, to align the town's regulations with those put forth by the Environmental Protection Agency. The MS4 Bylaw was largely worked on by the Planning Board, which Daniel is the Chair. "It's going to be the Andrew Daniel meeting at this point." He joked. "Hopefully we get a lot of people talking."

A "No" From Rochester

Rochester's Old Colony Vote

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's election on November 18 seeking approval of both a $288 million Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School building project and a debt exclusion to fund the town's $24 million share of that cost resulted in a resounding "No" to both questions.

The question to approve the building project, which was also on ballots in Old Colony's other member towns, Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, and Mattapoisett,

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failed in Rochester with a tally of 680 voters saying "no" and 503 votes saying "yes."

The question on the town ballot to approve a Prop 2 1/2 debt exclusion for the expense garnered 682 "no" votes and 507 yes votes. Town Clerk Marjorie Barrows reported 1,192 ballots were cast in Rochester, a town that has 5,717 residents as of the 2020 census.

Now the school district awaits the final voter tallies from Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, and Mattapoisett. That's what Old Colony School Committee member and Rochester resident David Hughes said he is waiting for. "The people of Rochester have spoken," Hughes said. "Now we'll see what the other towns will do to come to form a final conclusion."

The state School Building Authority's reimbursement for the new school's price tag was projected to be $129 million. The remaining total cost that the school district members would share was estimated at approximately $159 million. Rochester's share of that price tag would have been $28.4 million. The debt exclusion would have cost $646.86 per year for the average home assessed at $610,000.

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Fall Town Meeting Warrant Review

Marion Select Board

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Select Board met on Monday, November 17 in the Marion Music Hall for a list of action items, as well as the Fall Town Meeting Warrant Review.

The board began by recognizing Marions new firefighters. Fire Chief Brian Jackvony rose to speak, mentioning the five new recruit firefighters who recently, November 5, graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Chief Jackvony called the new volunteer firefighters up for a picture and recognition: Jonathan Brown, Johnathan Gurry (unable to attend), Kyle Proffitt, Nicholas Sheehan, and Jackson St. Don. With handshakes and pictures, the men were recognized for their hard work and dedication.

Next, Robbi Dunn Tracy's appointment as a Full Member of the Marion Affordable Housing Trust was approved.

Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman then provided his updates, beginning with the new Department of Public Works building. He said the building is on schedule, although the air-to-water heat exchanger is not yet operational as it awaits a parts delivery. The building is heated, but the floor heater is what is affected.

For the Town House, Gorman said "it's looking great." He said the workers have started drywall, with electrical and plumbing still being put in. The lift is still yet to be installed, though the hole in the ground is present with support beams being installed.

The Flags of Marion Project, proposed last month by local artist Mike Malone, then had an update. The town's legal counsel cautioned against putting flags in the middle of the street, and instead suggested flags on a crosswalk, or several crosswalks. That, or putting the flags in different locations on the street. Malone preferred the latter. Gorman then cited a letter from the Marion Historical Commission in opposition to any flags on the road in the town center. "Mike's ready for it, if you give a thumbs up," the Town Administrator added. To further discuss plans and locations, the board tabled discussion on flags until their December 16 meeting.

Following the board's action items, they then moved to the Fall Town Meeting Warrant Review with the Planning Board. First discussed was Article 1, or the MS4 Stormwater Management Bylaw. Chair of the Planning Board, Andrew Daniel, then read an executive summary of the proposed bylaw, saying:

"The town of Marion received a formal order of non-compliance from the United States Environmental Protecting Agency. The EPA [is] requiring the town to adopt a post-construction stormwater management bylaw no later than December 15, 2025. In order to meet the Federal Clean Water Act requirements, our Marion Subdivision Bylaw Chapter 300-4.6 addresses many aspects of the 2016 Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4) requirements. But they do not include land clearing outside of the subdivision development. This bylaw addresses that requirement. Passing this proposed bylaw at the Fall Town Meeting is a key step in meeting the compliance schedule set by the EPA and avoiding looming enforcement actions or penalties. The order specifically recognizes this Fall Town Meeting as the town's latest opportunity to adopt this needed bylaw.

If residents approve this bylaw, the Planning Board will hold public hearings starting in December for input on its associated regulations. For context, stormwater runoff from development can lead to flooding, road damage, water pollution, [and] costly fixes if not properly managed. Currently, our permit acknowledges two pollutants that impair our affected water bodies. This proposed storm water management bylaw provides a targeted way to protect public and private property and infrastructure; drinking water supplies; safeguard the health of our local wetlands, rivers, streams, coastal waters, while minimizing the burden on our residents. The bylaw minimizes those burdens [for those] who are required to obtain permits and only applies to larger projects that have a meaningful impact on the drainage and soils. It establishes a straightforward standard. Any land disturbance of one acre or more requires a storm water management permit issued by

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the Planning Board. The same requirement applies to smaller activities only if they are part of a larger development plan that will ultimately disturb one acre or more. This threshold aligns with the existing federal rules and focuses oversight on the most significant source of stormwater impacts. Typical residential property maintenance such as gardening, landscaping, lawn care, the installation of fences or driveways are not affected. Protects fully regulated under the Water Protection Act or site plan review may also qualify for streamline compliance when they demonstrate that the stormwater standards are fully met.

Under this bylaw, the Planning Board were to review plans before the work was to begin to ensure proper erosion control and storm water measurements are in place. The town would have the clear authority to inspect these work areas as it progresses and issue a Certificate of Compliance once final requirements are met and take action if runoff problems occur. This bylaw includes standard enforcement tools to address serious and ongoing violations if needed. This bylaw positions Marion to meet the federal MS4 requirements while supporting responsible growth, protecting neighborhoods and infrastructure, and maintaining clean and healthy water resources. It offers a balanced approach to modern, modern storm water protections where they matter most without creating new obligations for the average Marion resident."

Following the executive summary, Andrew Daniel said, "this has been on our plate for a while," highlighting the long progress of planning the MS4 Bylaw. "We came up with what we feel is the best, least intrusive way of doing this," he added. It was noted the EPA would also have to approve the regulation following a passing vote.

Next was Article 2, a Citizens' Petition filed by Andrew Daniel. Daniel read the summary of his petition:

"To see if the town will vote to authorize and direct the Marion Water Department to establish a policy permitting property owners to install at their own expense a secondary water meter for outdoor water use such as lawn irrigation, gardening, feeding of livestock, swimming pools, and other non-sewer activities. Policies shall include but not [be] limited to the following elements, permitting and inspections. The proper owner seeking to install a secondary meter shall hire a licensed plumber. The plumber shall pull a plumbing permit from the building department prior to installation. A Water Department technician shall meet with the plumber on-site before installation to review requirements and confirm proper placement. Following the installation, the Water Department technicians shall install and seal the secondary meter. It shall be the plumber's responsibility to ensure that all required final inspections are complete and initial installation fee shall be paid by the property owner to cover the meter costs. The labor and inspection annual billing for the secondary meter shall be issued separately from the PRI primary account once per year.

During the fall billing cycle, water rates for secondary meters shall be exactly the same as the rates for the first meter as set by the town of Marion Water Department, consistent with the town's water rate schedule and subject to adjustment by the Select Board. The Water Commissioner's sewer charges shall not be assessed on water consumption measured by the secondary meter administration and oversight. The Water Department shall maintain records of all properties with secondary meters. Fees may be adjusted periodically to affect meter size replacement labor and materials. The Water Department shall adopt and publish rules and regulations to administer the program."

Select Board Vice Chair John W. Hoagland cautioned against, arguing "whatever we lose in sewer revenues has to be made up." Saying sewer bills will likely rise.

The Marion Fall Town Meeting will be on Monday, November 24 at 6:45 pm in the Sippican School Multipurpose Room.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2 at 6:00 pm in the

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Tree Lighting Time Change

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Select Board Monday did ordinary business until it came time to discuss the November 18 election asking the town to approve the $288 million Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School building project.

The Select Board began by voting against exercising its right to purchase Great Bear Farms, 53 Dexter Lane, which is currently changing ownership. Town Administrator Cameron Durant noted this property is not changing use, so acquiring it as a protective measure is unnecessary.

Durant reported that this year's Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Town Office Building will be on November 30 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, a dramatically changed time from past years. The board approved a flammable liquids license for the propane tanks at the Water Department buildings at 87 Marion Road, 189 New Bedford Road and 52 Wolf Island Road.

The board then appointed Herbert LeFleur to the Historic Commission.

The board saved the most impactful for last. Chair Adam Murphy ended the meeting with what will happen whether or not the Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School building project is approved on November 18. He said there will be a lot of work to do either way.

Murphy said on that date the town needs the debt exclusion override vote on the town ballot to pass as well as the Old Colony district's (Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, and Rochester) request to approve the $288 million plan for a new school building. The town now takes $500,000 from free cash nearly every year to balance its budgets, he emphasized. To fit another $2.4 million, the project's cost to the town, into that budgeting without a debt exclusion "won't happen," he said.

Asked what the town will do if the school project is approved but the town does not approve the debt exclusion, the board declined to say that it would go directly to another debt exclusion ballot vote. The response will be some serious planning.

Durant noted the town's first major payment of this debt would be 2028. "We'll have some time to plan what we need to do," he said.

"We'll have a plan, and quickly," Member Brad Morse said.

"We'll have a lot of work to do either way," Murphy said.

The Board of Selectmen did not schedule its next meeting before adjourning.

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Heron Cove Estates Joint-Meeting

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The November 13 joint Zoning Board of Appeals and Select Board meeting centered around whether the ZBA can grant a Variance for the Heron Cove Estates project off Route 6 near the Wareham line.

The project, which has been in the works for several years, once proposed 125 apartment units with around 20-percent affordable apartments, in accordance with the state Chapter 40B guidelines.

However, Steen Realty and Development Corporation has since modified the project. It is now proposing 57 town houses and is still debating as to whether to sell all at market value and pay more money to the town or mark approximately four below market value.

According to officials, Steen representatives have cited a financial hardship with the initial plan. They cited a large hill in that area, which would hike excavation costs, as well as the rising costs of building supplies.

Select Board members Randy Parker, John Hoagland, and Normal Hills all spoke in favor of the project.

The ZBA members were divided, however. Some members questioned if the ZBA could legally grant a variance, given that new plans call for lots much smaller than the average in Marion. Some ZBA members said that there may be less financial gain for the town, given how the project has been scaled down.

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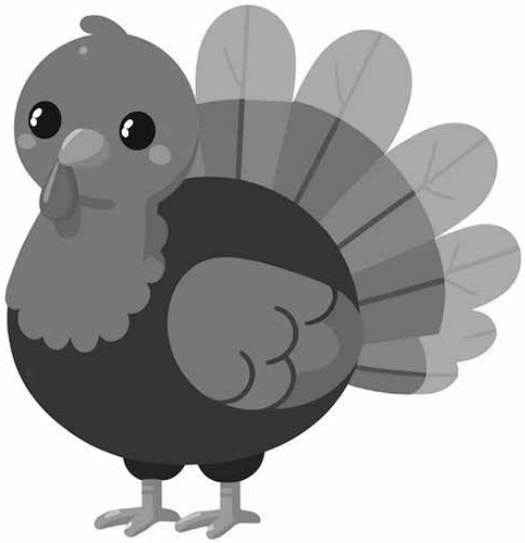

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They also questioned if the homes would put higher stress on town services, such as higher school enrollment, as well as more emergency calls, given that Steen is now proposing single-family homes.

Select Board Vice Chair John Hoagland said that the scaled-down version of the project will likely attract older people without families. He said the development would connect to the town's sewer and water, helping improve that infrastructure, as well as make road improvements in that area.

Hoagland also said that the development's close proximity to town businesses would be a boon to the local economy. He and other Select Board members said the developer has also promised around $500,000 to the town in addition to tax revenue.

Member William Tifft said because of the project's close proximity to Wareham, it might bring more business to that town instead.

Others questioned whether the project should trigger a Town Meeting vote in the form of a zoning change or a Planning Board review before the ZBA could act on it. Chair Cynthia Callow and Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman stressed that the granting of a variance is well within the ZBA's jurisdiction, despite changes to the project.

The ZBA did not vote on the matter. The joint-session was designed for the ZBA to gather more facts about the changes and eventually decide if financial hardship should trigger the need for a variance approval.

In other ZBA news, the board granted three variances, one for the building of a pier, and two for home additions.

The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals was not scheduled at adjournment.

Motel Site Plan Review Continued

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

The November 17 agenda of the Mattapoisett Planning Board listed a Site Plan Review as requested by the owners of the Hillside Motel, D.B.A, Krishi Kisan Corp. located at 92 County Road. The hearing, however,

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was continued to December 1 at the request of the applicant.

Initial plans for the site include an expansion of 24 rental units placed in two rows of 12. No action was taken as the continuance was granted.

The board heard from Dave Maddigan of Maddigan Land Surveying for property located at 0 Hereford Hill Road. The applicants, Robert and Maria Randall, requested an Approval Not Required decision to allow for the establishment of several lots for future development. Maddigan stated that the property does not contain jurisdictional wetlands and meets frontage requirements. The request was granted.

An operation and maintenance plan for a solar array located off 29 Randall Lane was also approved by the board.

Though listed on the agenda, the board did not take of the matter of a new bylaw for cottage style living units on this night. Further discussion will be scheduled as needed prior to public review.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, December 1 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 16 Main Street.

Two-Family Decision Delayed

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Zoning Board of Appeals struggled at its November 13 meeting over whether to approve a new, two-family home at 309 Neck Road, voting instead to seek Town Counsel's input on whether the variance being requested would be legal.

The plan here is to raze the single-family home there and create a single-story, two-family home in its place so resident Jennifer Jones can move her senior-citizen parents into the back section of the new construction. Jones is seeking a variance of frontage requirements for this plan. She said her parents need to move from their two-story home. She and her young daughter would occupy the front of the new home.

The board continued this hearing to its December 11 meeting after Building Commissioner Paul Boucher

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noted a variance of frontage requirements should not be allowed in this case. "You can't be granting a variance on frontage here," he said. "They should not be able to get a hardship approved. A two-family on that lot is not allowed." Boucher added that Jones should have gone for a special permit instead.

ZBA Chair Donald Spirlet said Jones has the area for the new home but not the frontage. He noted making it an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) would require it to be too small. The legal maximum size for an ADU in the bylaw and state law (by right) is 900 square feet. Counting all three floors, the projected size for the proposed, two-family house is 12,249 square feet.

Board member Richard Cutler motioned a continuance after noting Town Counsel's input was needed because a variance here may not even be legal. The full motion was to continue to December 11 to await receipt of certified plans and seek an opinion from counsel. Board Administrator Andreia Lacerda said the ZBA has two other public hearings on its agenda that night.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Trust Eyes New Member and Website Revamp

Marion Affordable Housing Trust

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The town's Affordable Housing Trust met on November 12 in the police station conference room and met with a potential new member with decades of relevant experience, and the trust talked about revamping its web site. MAFT also discussed logistics for special emergency lock boxes for elderly residences, as well as seeking grant opportunities for the MAFT's housing production plan.

Town resident Jennifer Newsom spoke with the trust and said she has worked with the state Department of Development Services for the past 25 years. She also has conducted housing subsidies-related work for the state for 37 years.

Trust members appeared impressed with her credentials but her potential appointment was not on the agenda, and it had not gone before the Select Board. Newsom sat in on the meeting.

If all goes well, Newsom will be named as an Associate Member of the trust.

Just like last meeting, the trust is looking for ways to revamp its website, so it is more consistent with the trust's purpose and goals.

At the last meeting, the trust was contemplating seeking an intern who could conduct such work, which would save money.

Norman Hills, the Select Board Representative on the MAHT, said he would follow up with the Town Administrator about the endeavor.

The trust tabled action on seeking funding and working through logistics for emergency lockboxes for seniors and other residents in need. These boxes are dubbed "Kox boxes" and have been a topic of discussion at the last few meetings.

MAFT members said that there are legal challenges, such as a deed restriction for anyone with these lock boxes. Such lock boxes would allow fire and emergency officials to break into a home in the case of an emergency.

MAFT members also discussed whether they should seek funding from the trust's account or seek community preservation funds for such a project.

MAFT members also referenced the town's

housing production plan, which was last updated in 2022. MAFT members said they would like to seek grant opportunities toward realizing goals within the plan.

The Marion Affordable Housing Trust is scheduled to meet again Tuesday, December 9 in the Marion Police Department's conference room.

Bulldogs on Road for Thanksgiving

Sports Roundup

The Old Rochester Regional High School football team rebounded from a challenging start to the 2025 season by reeling off three midseason victories that propelled the Bulldogs into the MIAA Division 6 state tournament as the 13th seed, and on November 7 they stunned fourth-seeded Wilmington in six overtimes by a 47-39 score, a goal-line tackle stopping what would have set up a point-after to tie the game.

The Bulldogs' hopes for further playoff upsets ended in a 34-7 defeat against 9-1 Hudson, the fifth seed that on Saturday will play for a shot at the Super Bowl in the state semifinals against top-seeded Norwell. That game will kick off at 12:00 noon at Weston High School. The winner takes on the winner of Saturday's other Division 6 semifinal between neighboring Fairhaven and Bishop Fenwick. That semifinal kicks off at 7:00 pm at Assabet Valley Regional High School in Marlborough. Seeded third, the 9-1 Blue Devils are trying to make it three straight trips to Gillette Stadium, having won the championship in 2023.

ORR football has one more date on its calendar, the annual Thanksgiving Day game against South Coast Conference rival Apponequet. The Bulldogs are the visitors this year, and the game kicks off on Thursday, November 27, at 10:00 am at Griffith Stadium on Apponequet's Lakeville campus.

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'Codables' Unlock Reading Growth

ORR Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund

With additional funding in hand, Center School teacher Carolyn Pawlishen sought additional ways to engage and empower her second- and third-grade reading students. She wanted tools that would help them overcome challenges with phonics and build the

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foundational skills they need to become confident readers.

Based on a body of research known as the Science of Reading, Pawlishen considered multi-sensory learning boards, games, whisper phones, magnetic tiles and online-subscription-based computer programs for this project that she called "Empowering, Engaging, and Motivating Students with Learning Differences."

But what she found most effective for the project – funded by a grant from the Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund – was something called "decodables" – decodable text and books.

"My colleagues have asked how students were able to achieve such significant growth this school year," Pawlishen said. "I shared that it was a combination of the new decodable materials purchased by the grant, paired with the small group routines I was coached in this past school year. The decodables play a vital role in the planning process for small group instruction."

The Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55 are pleased to share the outcome of more than $9,400 in private grants provided by the nonprofit Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation for the 2024-25 school year.

The Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund is a growing endowment under the umbrella of the SouthCoast Community Foundation. Supported by community donors, the fund helps educators pursue innovative, high-quality learning experiences for students throughout Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester.

This is the first in a series of articles describing the impact of grants awarded by the Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund to support innovative teaching and student enrichment across the Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55.

Pawlishen described the vision for her reading learning-enhancement project, and she applied to the Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund, which awarded her a $2,000 grant for the reading initiative.

This came after two years of difficulties in getting second and third-grade students to their grade-level benchmarks.

Pawlishen then teamed up with Center School teacher Deb Camacho to consider what specific grant-funded materials they could use to enhance small-group reading instruction, meeting the needs of diverse learners while keeping it a fun and engaging experience.

While she initially envisioned pupils conquering their greatest reading challenges partly through games, digital programs and audio tools, Pawlishen quickly realized how effective and fun "decodables" are for the students.

Decodable text and decodable books are specially written and designed to help beginning readers – and those with reading difficulties or dyslexia – to better practice and reinforce their phonics skills.

Decodable text is carefully constructed using words that follow specific phonetic patterns that the student has already been taught systematically as part of their reading curriculum. This allows the reader to "decode" words by recognizing those phonetic patterns, allowing them to better link letters to sound, rather than relying more on rote memorization of entire words.

Pawlishen then used the grant funding to purchase several sets of decodables: Pioneer Valley Books' "Lifting Off," Sets 1 and 2, along with Set 1 of "My Codables: Sally the Cow" and "My Codables: Bella and Rosie."

The result: They were a hit with the students and proved effective.

By the end of the school year, all of Pawlishen's third-grade students had reached or exceeded grade-level benchmarks. DIBELS data, which measures students' performance on key reading skills, showed impressive growth for all students involved. The process has also given Pawlishen useful ideas for enhancing her reading instruction more broadly.

"Using these decodables provided more opportunities for practice of repeated readings, and they're very engaging, resulting in students making great strides in their reading scores as well as growing a stronger love for reading," Pawlishen said. "All of the knowledge I gained showed me other ways to engage and empower students to be strong readers."

Early Childhood Coordinator Doreen Lopes celebrated the Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund grant's support for specialized, joyful literacy instruction.

"This project reflects our commitment to making early literacy joyful, accessible, and tailored to the needs of each student," Lopes said. "These materials allow teachers to nurture curiosity and confidence while strengthening foundational reading skills for all learners."

Superintendent Nelson expressed appreciation for the Foundation's support of innovative classroom work.

"We are deeply grateful to the Tri-Town Education Foundation for recognizing the value of targeted early literacy instruction," Superintendent Nelson said. "This grant strengthens our educators'

ability to meet students where they are and ensures that every child feels supported as they grow as readers. We hope that our community will continue to support the foundation with its fundraising efforts to help make more impactful projects like this one possible in the future."

ORRJH Annual Tri-Town Thanksgiving Banquet

It's a yearly crossing of the generations, a giving of thanks that unites the youth and the elderly of the three towns that comprise the Old Rochester Regional School District.

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson, Director of Guidance Christina Cioffi and Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Principal Silas Coellner are proud to announce the upcoming 32nd annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Tri-Town (Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester) senior citizens.

This year's event has been scheduled for Sunday, **November 23**, at noon, in the ORRJHS cafeteria (doors will open at 11:15 am), at 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett.

"We gather each year to celebrate our senior citizens," said Principal Coellner. "Our three towns - Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester - owe so much to our eldest residents. It is so important to bring them together with our students. Like so many of those attending, this gathering gets better every year."

The meal has been sponsored by members of the ORRJHS community. Community members donate pies, turkeys, gift cards and door prizes.

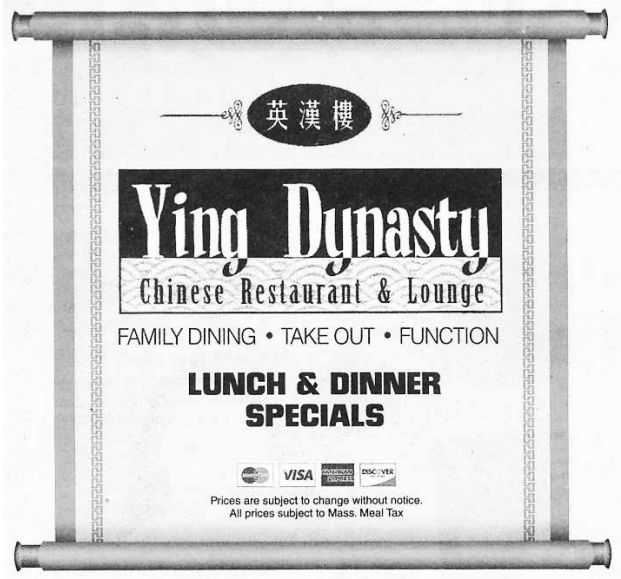
"This yearly Thanksgiving banquet really shows off the best our three towns have to offer," said Director Cioffi. "Our students always turn out to give their time and effort. So many community members step up and offer so much generosity. And our dinner guests never leave without teaching us all a little something about what makes our towns so special."

There are 300 tickets available, 100 per town, and will be distributed through each town's Council on Aging. Shut-in meals will also be available.

Last year, more than 230 senior citizens attended the Tri-Town banquet. The event was staffed by 75 students and a hard-working team of staff and parent volunteers.

"The Thanksgiving Banquet is a longstanding tradition that we all look forward to each and every year," said Superintendent Nelson. "It's important that we do our part to give back to Tri-Town residents, and this event is one of the many ways our students and staff show their appreciation for the community's support."

To attend or help reach out to the Marion, Mattapoisett or Rochester Council on Aging with the names and address of the intended recipient. Any individual or local business interested in making cash contributions or donating door prizes should call the ORRJHS at 508-758-4928 and speak with Christina Cioffi,



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RMS Recognized by State for MCAS Scores

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Shari Fedorowicz, Principal Heidi Letendre and Rochester School Committee Chairperson Kate Duggan are proud to share that students at the Rochester Memorial School helped put their school among only 63 across the state to reach or exceed pre-pandemic levels for grades three through eight in the 2025 MCAS test for Math or English.

Rochester Memorial School was honored recently by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Commissioner Pedro Martinez for reaching or exceeding benchmarks last achieved in 2019 for MCAS testing in grades three through eight. The school was presented a certificate of recognition for the achievement.

About 54% of students at Rochester Memorial School scored a 500 or better on the 2025 MCAS for math, meaning they reached the state's "meeting expectations" results category. Among those are the 9% of Rochester Memorial School students who achieved a score of 530 or above, putting them in the category of "exceeding expectations."

This is all an improvement from the school's results in 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic, when 52% of students scored at least 500.

Statewide, MCAS math scores for 2025 among students in grades 3 through 8 were down 8 percentage points from pre-pandemic 2019 scores. Also, MCAS math scores statewide in 2025 showed no improvement from 2024.

Meanwhile, MCAS math scores for 2025 among students in grades 3 through 8 at Rochester Memorial School were up 7 percentage points from the school's 2024 results, jumping from 47% of students "meeting" or "exceeding expectations" to 54%.

Fifth graders at Rochester Memorial School far surpassed statewide results for MCAS science testing, outpacing the state's "meeting" or "exceeding" achievement levels by 17 percentage points.

The fifth graders also improved their MCAS science scores from the previous year, with 60% of students achieving "meeting" or "exceeding" in 2025 compared to 59% in 2024. The 60% also represents a large improvement from 2019, when 49% of Rochester Memorial fifth graders scored "meeting" or "exceeding" on MCAS science tests.

As a result of the school's outstanding performance on the MCAS, the school district is being recognized for its accomplishments at DESE's "Celebrating Academic Success" conference scheduled for Dec. 2 in Marlborough. The event will offer an opportunity for educators representing the Rochester Memorial School to share best practices and strategies with their colleagues from around the state, explaining how the school was able achieve pre-pandemic levels on MCAS for math from Grade 3-8.

Principal Letendre said she credits the school's success to the dedication of both students and staff, as well as the district's focus on consistent, data-driven instruction and targeted academic support.

"Our teachers have worked incredibly hard to identify students' individual needs and to help every child grow," said Principal Letendre. "This recognition reflects not only our students' perseverance and commitment to learning, but also the collaboration among educators, families, and support staff who ensure that all learners are given the opportunity to thrive."

Assistant Superintendent Fedorowicz said the results highlight the district's deliberate focus on high-quality instruction and timely academic interventions.

"Our team has placed a strong emphasis on using assessment data to help ensure that students receive the exact support they need, when they need it," said Assistant Superintendent Fedorowicz. "Seeing this level of growth affirms that our strategic team approach is making a meaningful difference for students."

School Committee Chairperson Duggan commended the teachers and students at Rochester Memorial, along with the administration, for helping to make this all possible.

"I am so impressed by the students and educators at Rochester Memorial who put in the hard work to earn such solid MCAS scores, as well as by the building and district administrators for fostering an environment where this level of achievement is possible," said School Committee Chairperson Duggan. "While all of these efforts were not made with statewide recognition in mind, it is gratifying to see our town's name listed as one of just a handful in this category of performance improvement. Given our school and district's recent adoption of new high-quality curricula in math and ELA, I look forward to building on this accomplishment and Rochester Memorial's reputation for excellence in the years to come."

Superintendent Nelson said the recognition demonstrates the strength of the district's instructional practices and its commitment to continuous improvement.

"This achievement is a testament to the strong teaching and learning happening every day at Rochester Memorial School," said Superintendent Nelson. "I am deeply proud of the students, educators and families who have worked together to reach this milestone, bringing this hard-working elementary school back to - and even beyond - pre-pandemic levels of success."

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9:30 AM Mattapoisett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Jack Matthews
10:30 AM Rochester Historical Society - Cemeteries, Genealogy, & the Revolutionary War
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2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM MAC Jazz Jam
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory
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6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
8:00 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs! with David Green
9:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Early Life of Humpback Whales
11:00 PM Classic Movie

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8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
10:00 AM Southcoast Matters
11:30 AM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Rochester Affordable Housing Inc ADU Presentation
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
3:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Suzy Titus
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Political Polarization
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Amazing Animal Ambassadors
7:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM A Conversation With…
9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday November 22, 2025
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9:30 AM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:30 AM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
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10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday November 23, 2025
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Veteran's Day Ceremony
11:30 AM AMC Outdoor Journey Fund
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford
5:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center
7:00 PM ORR Football vs GNBVT
8:30 PM ORR Homecoming Pep Rally
9:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday November 24, 2025
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
10:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Shift
10:30 AM A Conversation With…
11:00 AM For Your Health
11:30 AM Money Matters
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
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8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Early Life of Humpback Whales
10:00 PM The Collective Chat
10:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday November 25, 2025
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health: Stress
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
10:30 AM The Collective Chat
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus On Europe
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
5:00 PM Four Deep Sports Talk
6:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - 100 years of the Herreshoff H-12
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday November 26, 2025
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With…
3:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Fairhaven
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
6:00 PM Building the Future
6:30 PM Pete on the Street
7:00 PM World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory
9:00 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
10:30 PM Mattapoisett Women's Club Speaker Series - Jack Matthews
11:00 PM Classic Movies

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9:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
10:00 AM Marion Planning Board
12:00 PM Marion Board of Health
2:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition
3:30 PM Marion School Committee
4:00 PM Marion Water & Sewer Regulations Review Committee
6:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
7:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing
8:00 PM Marion School Committee
9:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
11:00 PM ORR District School Committee

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7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
10:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 AM Rochester School Committee
1:30 PM Rochester Public Safety Facility Building Committee
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4:00 PM ORR District School Committee
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EDUCATION CHANNEL
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7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORR Joint School Committee
9:00 AM ORR District School Committee
10:30 AM OHS 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Wakefield
1:30 PM ORR Homecoming Pep Rally
2:30 PM ORR Theater Class
4:00 PM ORR Baseball vs Joseph Case
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Spring Concert
8:00 PM ORR Class Olympics
9:00 PM ORR Baseball vs Wareham
10:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Fairhaven
11:30 PM ORR Senior Superlatives

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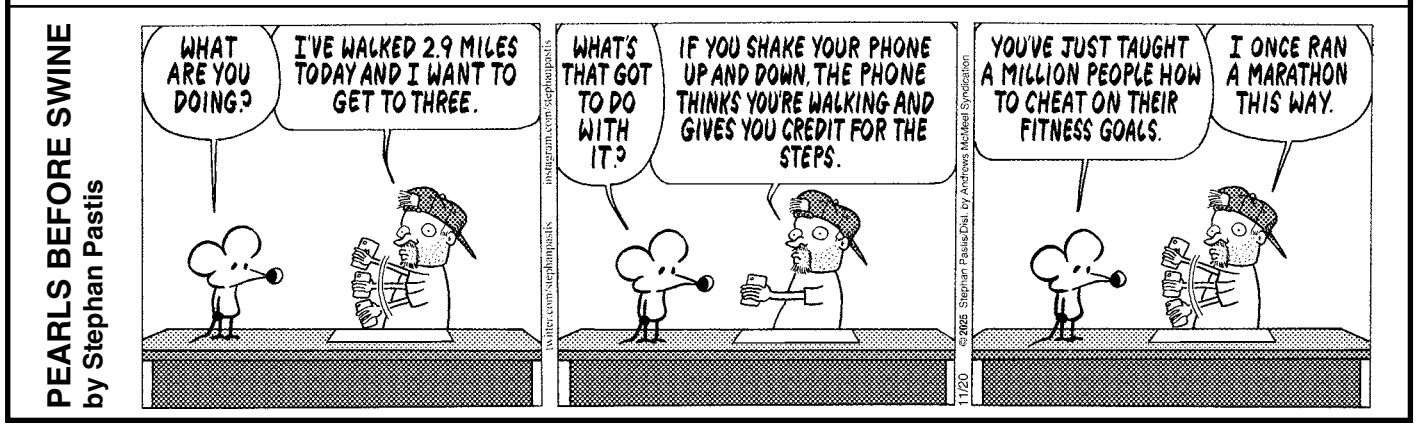

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Dear Editor,

As our community in Marion rallies to support neighbors through food drives and donations to Damien's Food Pantry in Wareham, we are reminded that democracy is more than elections or party lines. It is a living moral agreement, a shared promise between citizens and the government they create. That promise, at its best, rests on three enduring duties: protection, sustenance, and lawful governance.

The philosopher John Locke taught that government exists first to protect our basic rights, life, liberty, and property. When families face hunger or hardship, that duty extends beyond safety from harm to ensuring no one is left unseen or uncared for.

John Rawls, a modern philosopher of justice, expanded that idea. He argued that a fair democracy must also provide sustenance, not as charity but as fairness. Genuine freedom diminishes in significance when individuals lack access to essential resources such as food, healthcare, and opportunities for personal and professional development. When citizens step up, as Marion has, to support those whose SNAP benefits have been reduced, they help fulfill democracy's deeper moral promise: that everyone deserves dignity and a fair chance to thrive.

And John Dewey, the great American pragmatist, believed democracy is "a way of life." According to Dewey, effective governance relies on active participation, where individuals come together to learn, discuss, and work collectively for the common good. Every can of food, every act of giving, every civic conversation becomes part of that shared democratic education.

When we protect one another, sustain one another, and govern together, democracy ceases to be an abstract idea. It becomes something visible and alive, something we practice every day in Marion. By helping to feed our neighbors, we are not just meeting a need; we are keeping faith with the truest meaning of democracy itself.

Sincerely,

Eileen J. Marum, Marion

Upcoming MWC Presentation

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club invites interested local residents to its **November 20** monthly meeting featuring a special presentation from Rosemary Gill, president & CEO of the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center in New Bedford. The Zeiterion is undergoing significant $37 million renovation that started in 2023 and is anticipated to culminate in a grand reopening in 2026. It's a bold reimagining of a beloved institution. Ms. Rosemary Gill emphasized that "this isn't just a facelift—it's a transformation that will enhance the theater's role as a cultural and economic engine for the region." Ms. Gill became the president and CEO at the Zeiterion in 2020 and brings more than 15 years of experience driving organizational growth, operational excellence, and impactful transformations. Her work has been recognized nationally by the National Endowment for the Arts, the New England Foundation for the Arts, the Island Foundation, and the Carney Foundation, among others. Visitors are welcome to attend this exciting program which will begin at 11:30am at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church in Reynard Hall.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a civic, social, educational and philanthropic organization. Membership is always open to local women who are interested in the objectives and mission of the organization. For more information or questions please contact info@mattapoisettwomansclub.org.

Annual Ecumenical Service

The Trustees of the Mattapoisett Christian Church invite the public to attend their annual Ecumenical Service on Sunday, **November 23**, at 2:00 pm. The service will take place at the historic Mattapoisett Christian Church, home of the Mattapoisett Museum, located at 5 Church Street, Mattapoisett. The service will be led by Rev. Michael Frady of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, with Father Paul Fedak of St. Anthony's Church

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Joshua Matthew Spearin, 25, of Tarzana, California (originally Rochester, Massachusetts), returned to his Heavenly Home on November 1, 2025, following a motorcycle accident in Los Angeles.

Born July 14, 2000, Josh is the fourth child of Sean and Brenda Spearin. He spent early years in Wareham before the family settled in Rochester, where he grew up loving all things outdoors—hiking, camping, riflery, archery, Scouting (Life Scout), ropes courses, and hours of swinging under the sun and stars. In his teens he added bikes to that mix, first a dirt bike, and later, as an adult, a motorcycle.

Josh worked as a line cook both locally and in California. From his own past struggles with addiction, grew a deep compassion for others - and he turned his challenges into purpose, helping countless people find hope, help, and healing. For the past 2–3 years he served as a Behavioral Health Technician at Wildwood Recovery, where he was able to lift and encourage many. Friends and coworkers remember his smile and saunter, and the way he brought life, humor, and respect into every room. As one friend said, "You were quick to help, always ready for some playful banter, and so much fun to be around."

Josh is survived by his parents, Brenda and Sean Spearin; his siblings Michael (Vanessa) and their daughters Charlotte and Adeline of TX; Caitlyn (Paul); Kristen (Shane) and their daughter Leah of CT; Keith, Laura, Jennifer, Stephanie, Eric, Emily, Lillian, and Ethan; his grandparents Marilyn and Barry Ledin, and Thomas and Patricia Spearin; as well as a great-grandmother, many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends.

Visiting hours were held at Chapman Funerals and Cremations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Highway (Rt. 28), Wareham, MA 02571, on Monday, Nov 17, 2025. Funeral services were held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1220 County Road, Cataumet, MA 02534, on Tuesday, November 18, 2025. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery, High Street, Rochester, MA 02770, with a memorial luncheon back at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider Khepera House, reflecting Josh's dedication to compassionate recovery work. https://kheperahouse.org/donations-1

The family expresses heartfelt thanks to Wildwood Recovery colleagues, Bothwell Recovery, ward/stake members, family and friends for their tender care.

"Twenty-five swift years: a crash course in love and light."

For directions, or to leave a message of condolence visit: www.chapmanfuneral.com

John E. Clark, 80, of Mattapoisett died November 10, 2025 peacefully at St. Luke's Hospital.

He was the husband of Shirley A. (Liberty) Clark, with whom he shared 56 years of marriage.

Born and raised in New Bedford, son of the late Louis H. and Wladislawa (Mulawka) Clark, he lived in Mattapoisett since 1969.

He was formerly employed by Schaefer Marine Products and Brodeur Machine Company.

John enjoyed the outdoors hunting and fishing especially swordfishing with friends He excelled in trapshooting and was a member of Fin Fur and Feather Club. He also enjoyed drag racing and enjoyed restoring his 1937 drag racer and spending time in his garage.

Survivors include his wife Shirley; a son, Jason Clark and his wife Stephanie of Mattapoisett; Katherine Pelletier and her husband Jeff of New Bedford; a grandson, Jack Clark, a cousin, Patricia Bock of New Bedford, and the Przybyla family: a niece Pamela, and a nephew, Peter.

He was the brother of the late Frederick Clark.

His visiting hours will be held on Friday, November 21st, from 3-7 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Noreen D. (Andersen) Lyonnais of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully in her sleep at home on Wednesday November 12, 2025.

Born on September 9, 1938, she was raised in Fairhaven, the daughter of Martin Sorvik Andersen and Agnes Nellie (Hansen) Andersen. She was the beloved wife of the late Norman J. Lyonnais. They were married for 64 years.

Noreen was a graduate of Fairhaven High School. In 1959, she married Norman, whom she met on a blind date. They moved to Somerville where she began her career at the New England Telephone Company and enjoyed a little side job teaching at Arthur Murrays' School of Dance. Dance was always part of the Lyonnais family. After four years, they returned to New Bedford to raise their family.

Noreen eventually returned to work at the New Bedford Housing Authority. She retired after 25 years of service. In her retirement, she volunteered at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, but she was happiest when surrounded by her family celebrating birthdays and holidays, cooking and baking her "secret recipes." She attended all of the grandchildren's football, lacrosse, basketball and baseball games, as well as all school events that her girls and the grandchildren were in-

and Rheannen Williams from the Mattapoisett Friends Meeting also participating. Michelle Gordon and Karen DeVoe will lead the music. This long-standing community tradition brings together residents and visitors of all faiths to celebrate unity, reflection, and fellowship. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Connor Gaudet at curator@mattapoisettmuseum.org or visit www.mattapoisettmuseum.org.

Mattapoisett Food and Toy Drive

The Mattapoisett Lions will be hosting a food and toy drive **December 13** in front of Ying Dynasty from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm and from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Shipyard Park during the town tree lighting event. Monetary donations are also encouraged.

All toys will be shuttled over to the Mattapoisett Fire Department. The Lions have collaborated with the Fire Department on this toy drive for many years. All food and monetary donations will be donated to Damian's Pantry. If you want to donate a supermarket gift card, Damian's suggested $25 increments.

Holiday Luncheon And Cookie Sale

The First Congregational Church of Marion is happy to host its Annual Holiday Luncheon to coincide with the Sippican Women's Club Holiday House Tour. The luncheon takes place on Saturday, **December 13** from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. With a price of $18 per ticket, this event promises to be a delightful stop during the House Tour or an opportunity to enjoy some holiday cheer.

The luncheon features our famous hot chicken salad or soup, dressed greens, bread, beverages, plus cheesecake with topping for dessert. The cost of the luncheon is $18. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Marion General Store, at Penny Pinchers, online, and will also be available at the door on the day of the event.

Before or after lunch, stop by the Cookie Sale to purchase delicious holiday cookies made by some of the best bakers of the church. These cookies will be offered in beautifully decorated boxes and will make a perfect host or hostess gift or a special treat when company pops in.

The Holiday Luncheon and Cookie Sale will be held on the second floor of The First Congregational Church Community Center, 144 Front Street, Marion. This building, equipped with a stairlift, is located at the rear of the Marion General Store parking lot. Parking is available at the back right of the lot, plus there is additional parking at Island Wharf.

Come, bring your friends, and enjoy.

Ladies Christmas Tea

You are cordially invited to join us for a Simple Ladies Christmas Tea at First Congregational Church of Rochester, 11 Constitution Way, Rochester, on Saturday, **December 6** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Come and discover that the true Christmas spirit is found in God's simple gifts. Please RSVP by December 3 (text or call) to Marcia at 508-264-2217.

Marion Native to Perform with Airmen of Note

Master Sergeant Kristian Baarsvik grew up in Marion while attending the Sippican School, Falmouth Academy and Tabor Academy. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Studio Music and Jazz from the University of Miami Frost School of Music. Sergeant Baarsvik is currently the lead alto saxophonist with the Airmen of Note, The United States Air Force Band, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.

Sergeant Baarsvik joined the Airmen of Note in 2019, where career highlights include the Jazz Heritage Series performances and recordings, with jazz luminaries Chris Potter, Christian McBride, Randy Brecker, John Fedchock, Diane Schuur, Sean Jones, Ted Nash, and Peter Bernstein.

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volved in. She treasured her time spent with life long friends, while sharing martinis, desserts, and laughter. Her love and kindness will remain in our hearts forever.

Noreen is survived by three daughters, Cheryl Pereira and husband John of New Bedford, Donna Downey and husband Paul of Mattapoisett, and Kristen Dailey and husband Christopher of Lakeville. She was the proud grandmother of Justin Downey, his wife Sarah, and their daughter Clara, Connor Downey, his wife Anne and their sons Hayes and Landon, Owen Downey and his wife Emily, Mikala "KK" Downey, Jack Dailey, Garret Dailey and Carter Dailey. She also leaves her brothers, Robert "Bob" Andersen and Martin "Butch" Andersen; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother Donald Andersen and her sister Anita Ryle.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 20th at 10 am at St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett. A private family burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery. In these difficult times, in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Damien's Food Pantry, 242 Marion Rd., Wareham, MA. 02571 or online @ (damiensfoodpantry.org) or any food pantry of your choice. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

TriTown Happenings

Chuck Green shared photos of the Aurora Borealis which were visible in the skies over the Tri-Town on Wednesday, November 12.

Ned's Point sunset. Photo by Steve Chicco

Twilight shot of Thanksgiving pumpkins and Gazebo overlooking Mattapoisett harbor, November 17. Photo by Rob Grant

New Bedford Ballet will perform its annual production of A New England Nutcracker on December 13, at 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm at Keith Middle School Auditorium located at 225 Hathaway Boulevard, New Bedford, MA. Journey back to the 1850s, as this favorite holiday story is re-imagined through New Bedford's historic whaling era and prepare for the "City That Lit the World" to light up your holiday season. Gabriel Coughlin of Rochester and Grace Rousseau of Mattapoisett will be comprising the roles of Cavalier and Sugarplum.

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The Airmen of Note will be in concert on Thursday, November 20 at 7:00 pm. The concert will be held at the

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Movie Review

The Long Run

By Rob Gonsalves
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***The Running Man.* Starring Glen Powell and Josh Brolin. Directed by Edgar Wright. Running time: 133 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.**

It's good that the hero of *The Running Man* retains his anger. In Stephen King's source novel (published, like *The Long Walk,* under the pseudonym Richard Bachman), that hero, Ben Richards, has been ground down by the dystopian America that makes his existence miserable. He has been fired from more than one job for whistleblowing against the government's poisoning its people with radiation. Now he has to make some quick money to get meds for his sick infant daughter and get her and his wife out of their squalid circumstances. So he looks at the many government-sponsored "FreeVee" game shows that pay their contestants big chunks of "New Dollars." Ben settles on "The Running Man," the biggest game in town. If Ben can go on the run and survive for 30 days, he wins a fortune. If not, he gets killed by the Hunters pursuing him.

In the new movie adaptation, Glen Powell plays Ben as an intelligent but emotionally unmodulated man who's sick to his back teeth of the dog-eat-dog society he lives in. Powell makes Ben angry, yes, but also spirited and mordant. All of which makes him the perfect contestant for high ratings. Slickly directed by Edgar Wright (*Shaun of the Dead*), *The Running Man* is a fairly faithful treatment of King/Bachman's book, though it changes some things that didn't bother me. Right now we don't need the future-*noir,* everything-sucks vibe of King's denouement. We need rousing hope, though sadly the movie doesn't seem to have attracted the wide audience it needs to make the impact it possibly wants to make. Maybe, like a lot of Wright's films, it will do its most effective work as a cult movie.

There's a genuinely amazing escape sequence featuring Michael Cera as a tech-geek radical who helps Ben, and there are several others like it. *The Running Man* veers close to hypocrisy by exciting us with the same carnage it decries, but it avoids that trap by frequently reminding us of the human stakes. This material was filmed before, 38 years ago as an Arnold Schwarzenegger vehicle that, aside from the basic premise, had about as much to do with King's story as the *Lawnmower Man* movie did with the King tale of that name. Instead of inflating the action to suit Arnie, as the 1987 film did,

Wright has mainly stuck to King's set pieces (written in white heat, in very short chapters) while borrowing some of the earlier movie's neon-flavored aesthetic surrounding the diabolical game shows. The 1987 version's chief claim to fame was Richard Dawson in on-point casting as the host of "The Running Man." Here, Wright takes the conflict back to the book and gives us shrewd bigwig Dan Killian (Josh Brolin), host "Bobby T" Thompson (Colman Domingo), and lead Hunter McCone (Lee Pace).

Ben runs and runs, using various disguises and holing up with sympathetic rebels, and gradually the public tide turns to support Ben, a detail I don't remember from the novel but which makes sense. The working class comes to root for Ben, while well-to-do people, like Amelia (Emelia Jones), a woman Ben takes hostage, believe what the network tells them about Ben, that he's vicious scum who will cheerfully kill anyone for the fun of it. Doctored footage of Ben puts some of this across; King used a similar ploy in the book, decades before deepfakes and AI. This is the right time for a paranoid dystopian story like *The Running Man,* and King, credited here as an executive producer, has talked it up as such. Its so-so box-office returns perhaps indicate the divided nation we co-exist in.

It's been almost 30 years since the first Richard Bachman film (the awful *Thinner*), and now we get two in the same year. (The others, particularly King's self-suppressed *Rage,* probably don't have as much of a shot at a theater near you.) Both of them concern televised competitions with lethal consequences for the "losers." One could chalk it up as an accident of film-release scheduling, or one could muse that King, back there in the '70s, was having dark thoughts about game shows that seem to resonate with current reality. (*The Running Man* is highly indebted to the Robert Sheckley story "The Prize of Peril." The reader is encouraged to track down that story, first published in 1958. Of course, we've had game shows on American FreeVee since *Truth or Consequences* debuted in 1941.) Some dialogue in *The Running Man* is a little obvious, but in general Wright uses the plot to illustrate the peril of prizes awarded for winning the corporate/government game. *Quiz Show* was the prestigious version that didn't have any exploding heads, and *The Running Man* is the other kind.

Philip Bronspiegel Memorial Auditorium, New Bedford High School, 230 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford.

The concert is free with general admission - no reserved seats. Please visit this link for ticketing information: www.music.af.mil/USAFBand/Events/National-Tours/Airmen-of-Note.

Nemasket Group Celebrates 40 Years

The Nemasket Group marked a historic milestone on Tuesday, November 4, celebrating its 40th Anniversary alongside the grand re-opening of its newly renovated Day Services and community space. The event brought together local leaders, partners, and community members to honor the organization's legacy and chart its future.

Executive Director Jenny Duval opened the celebration by welcoming guests and highlighting three major achievements: four decades of empowering individuals and families, the unveiling of the revitalized program space, and the launch of a new three-year strategic plan. "We are deeply grateful to everyone who joined us to celebrate this momentous occasion and for your continued support of our mission to empower individuals and create inclusive communities," Duval said.

The afternoon featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony, guided tours of the renovated facility, and the debut of a historical exhibit titled "History of The Nemasket Group," which chronicles the organization's journey and vision for the future.

Among the speakers was Nicole Cummings, a participant in The Nemasket Group's Day Services Job Paths Program, who delivered one of the most impactful moments of the day. Nicole shared her personal story of growth and inclusion, describing how Nemasket's programs have helped her build skills, gain confidence, and feel truly connected to her community. Her heartfelt remarks drew applause and reminded everyone why Nemasket's mission matters. Many attendees later said Nicole's speech was the highlight of the event - a powerful testament to the organization's work and the lives it touches.

Other speakers included Jacqueline Einstein, Board President, who reflected on Nemasket's enduring commitment and exciting new direction, and Rick O'Meara, Regional Director for the Department of Developmental Services, who praised the organization's positive impact across Greater New Bedford and beyond. Local dignitaries also joined the celebration, including State Representative Mark Sylvia and Michael O'Sullivan, President & CEO of One SouthCoast Chamber. The Chamber presented Nemasket with a Certificate of Special Recognition, while Rep. Sylvia delivered an official House of Representatives Citation commemorating the anniversary and re-opening.

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Tri-town Police Logs

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Log highlights Nov 9 – Nov 15
- Converse Rd – Health/welfare
- Zora Rd – Lost property
- Front St – MV collision
- Spring St – Follow up investigation
- Olde Logging Rd – Officer wanted
- Front St – General service
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Washburn Park Rd – Lost property
- Front St – Message delivery
- Spring St – Smike investigation
- Spring St – Health/welfare
- Oak St – Suspicious person
- Spring St – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – MV stop/citation
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Alden Rd – EMS/medical
- Lewis St – General service
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Beach St – EMS/medical
- Spring St – MV collision
- Olde Sheepfield Rd – Wildlife services
- Island Wharf Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/citation
- Village Dr – Mental Health assist
- East Ave – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/citation
- Huckleberry Way – Message delivery
- Front St – Suspicious MV

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights Nov 9 – Nov 15
- North St – MV violations
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Acushnet Rd - Complaint
- Fairhaven Rd – General service
- Martin Ave – Domestic disturbance
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd - Trespassing
- Acushnet Rd – Animal control
- County Rd – Restraining order
- Reservation Rd – Parking complaint
- Bowman Rd – Missing person
- Island View Ave – Ambulance request
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- I195 East – Animal control
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Prospect Rd – General service
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Waterview Ln – General service
- Antassawamock Rd – MV violations
- Highland View Ave – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – MV lockout
- Shore Dr – Health/welfare
- Hitching Post Rd – Medical assist
- County Rd – MV crash
- Beach Rd – Animal control
- Windward Way – Ambulance request
- Aucoot Rd - Disturbance
- Marion Rd – Medical assist
- Dupont Dr - Disturbance

ROCHESTER
Log highlights Nov 9 – Nov 15
- North Ave – Well-being check
- Burgess Ave – Burglar alarm
- Sarahbeth Ln – Suspicious activity
- Cross Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Vaughn Hill Rd - Medical
- Gerrish Rd – 911 call
- Hartley Rd – MV collision
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – General service
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- Sarah Sherman Rd – General services
- Walnut Plain Rd – Well-being check
- North Ave – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- Stevens Rd – General service
- Marion Rd – MV stop/citation
- Horse Neck Rd – Fire alarm
- Dexter Ln - Medical
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- Gerrish Rd - 911
- Cushman Rd – MV collision
- Gerrish Rd - Disturbance
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- High St – Suspicious activity
- Cross Rd – Lost animal
- Haskell Rdige Rd – 911 call
- North Ave – MV collision

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, Nov 24: Rosemary & garlic chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, cornbread loaf, banana
Tuesday, Nov 25: Potato pollock, sweet potato wedges, kale & peppers, Hawaiian roll, oatmeal cookie, tartar sauce
Wednesday, Nov 26: Beef stew w/buttermilk biscuit, broccoli, chocolate pudding, diet: fruit
Thursday, Nov 27: Thanksgiving – no meals served
Friday, Nov 28: Whole grain cheese lasagna w/marinara sauce & mozzarella cheese, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, applesauce

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, Nov 24: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
Tuesday, Nov 25: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, black bean salad, taco toppings bar
Wednesday, Nov 26: Early release - Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty
Thursday, Nov 27: Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov 28: No school

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, Nov 24: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
Tuesday, Nov 25: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, black bean salad, taco toppings bar
Wednesday, Nov 26: Early release - Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty
Thursday, Nov 27: Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov 28: No school

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, Nov 24: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
Tuesday, Nov 25: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, black bean salad, taco toppings bar
Wednesday, Nov 26: Early release – No lunch served
Thursday, Nov 27: Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov 28: No school

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, Nov 24: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
Tuesday, Nov 25: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, black bean salad, taco toppings bar
Wednesday, Nov 26: Early release - Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty
Thursday, Nov 27: Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov 28: No school

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, Nov 24: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, steamed carrots
Tuesday, Nov 25: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, black bean salad, taco toppings bar
Wednesday, Nov 26: Early release - Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty
Thursday, Nov 27: Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov 28: No school

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, Nov 24: General Tso's chicken bowl & dinner roll
Tuesday, Nov 25: Mozzarella sticks, fries, marinara sauce & baked beans
Wednesday, Nov 26: No school
Thursday, Nov 27: Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov 28: No school

meaningful opportunities, and inclusive community connections. As Duval noted, "We're excited for what lies ahead and remain committed to creating inclusive opportunities for all."

MWC Holiday Greens Sale

The sixth Annual Mattapoisett Woman's Club Holiday Greens Sale will be held on Saturday, December 6 at the "What the Taco" porch & parking lot on Route 6 in Mattapoisett, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm, or until items are sold out. In past years, all items have sold out in a couple of hours or less, so plan to shop early.

This year's sale will once again feature elegant, one-of-a-kind designs in the form of decorated fresh wreaths, swags, centerpieces, and 2025 Christmas ornaments, all beautifully handcrafted by the talented women of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club. Bundled evergreens and holly branches will also be available for purchase. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.

We hope to see you on **December 6** and look forward to sharing our creations and festive cheer with you. In case of inclement weather, the rain date will be December 7. Proceeds from the Holiday Greens Sale and all our fundraisers directly support the Mattapoisett Woman's Club's Scholarship Fund and other charitable community endeavors.

"The Way Home" by Marion Artist Tianxu Zhou

Photographer and educator Tianxu Zhou of Marion, Massachusetts, has recently published The Way Home, a collection of black and white and color photographs that capture the quiet beauty and character of this New England coastal village. The book is available at Mimi's, the Sippican Historical Society, and the Marion Art Center.

The Way Home features landscapes, close-up details, and everyday scenes from woodland conservation areas, boatyards, wildlife habitats, and Sippican Harbor across all four seasons. The images reflect both the lively

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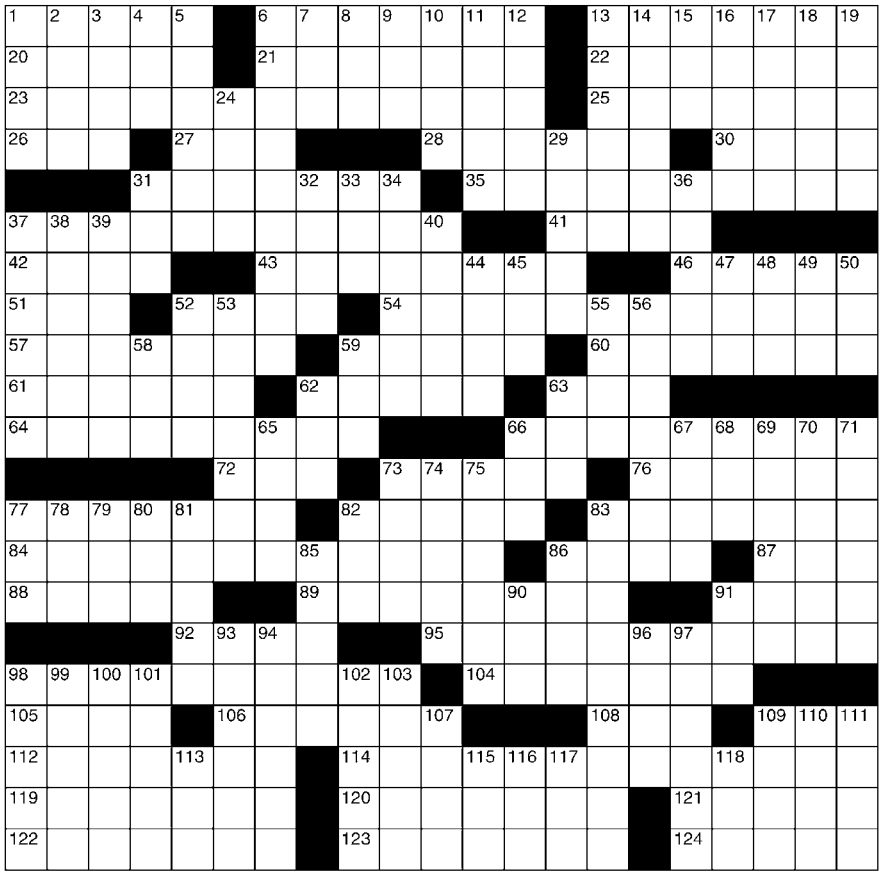
6 Mountain peak topper
13 Place to keep cargo
20 Proprietor
21 Seat of Nassau County, New York
22 Holiday marches
23 1970 Best Actress nominee for "The Great White Hope"
25 Enigmas
26 Walk- — (tiny roles)
27 Rank above maj.
28 — acid (vinegar component)
30 Ruhr article
31 Desperately, informally
35 Country singer with the hit "Blue Ain't Your Color"
37 "Livin' La Vida Loca" singer
41 No, in Nuremberg
42 Ending for peek or bug
43 Making a comeback
46 Super angry
51 Month, in Mexico
52 Strong — ox
54 She won gold in the 200-meter dash at the 2012 Olympics
57 French term for unrefined works, as by untrained painters
59 Furry wrap
60 "It could be"
61 Make a phone call to
62 Film directors Joel and Ethan
63 Hour div.
64 He played Jesse Pinkman on "Breaking Bad"
66 "Rocket Man" singer
72 Poem type
73 Light bulb power units
76 Tot's injury
77 Adopt
82 Stuck in mud
83 Tolkien's hole-dwellers
84 He played Lieutenant Starbuck on "Battlestar Galactica"
86 Snips
87 — -fi film
88 British china
89 Oran native
91 "Be —!" ("C'mon, help me out!")
92 "Rebecca" actress Diana
95 Civil rights activist with the comedy album "In Living Black and White"
98 Best Supporting Actress winner for "The Fighter"
104 Woman of the future?
105 Resting atop
106 Threat ender
108 "Boo- —!"
109 Phased-out character on "The Simpsons"
112 Pre-book documents
114 "Who's Sorry Now?" singer
119 Cyclone's kin
120 Totally unknown by
121 Get together with alumni
122 Increase the slope of
123 Elk relative
124 10 featured last names in this puzzle are also the names of these

DOWN

1 Magic charm
2 He played Obi-Wan multiple times
3 Raggedy — (classic dolls)
4 Born, to Yves
5 Funnywoman Ullman
6 Suspect foul play
7 Vote down
8 — par with
9 — Ho Lee (name in 2000 news)
10 Sonata end
11 Smart —
12 French capital, in song
13 Elf
14 Chinese exercise system
15 City reg.
16 Angler's boot
17 Improvise
18 Actress Davis
19 Ruhr city
24 Rich soil
29 Sounds of small bells
31 "Citizen Kane" studio
32 Cereal husk
33 Fla.'s ocean
34 Grow wider
36 Join
37 Marriott rival
38 Portugal's peninsula
39 Sharer of top billing
40 Floss fiber
44 Woeful things
45 Dec. 31
47 Yank's foe
48 Bristol beer
49 "— a pity!"
50 Outer: Prefix
52 Make — for it
53 "What if ..."
55 Fail to put in
56 Futuristic tiny machine
58 Slo- — fuse
59 Note after fa
62 Billiards stick
63 FC Dallas' sports org.
65 Yemeni port
66 Takeoff abbr.
67 Wealthy Brits
68 Occupation
69 San Luis —
70 Stolen ride
71 In a meddling way
73 Actress Kristen
74 Bowed
75 Shape-fitting game
77 Mag workers
78 Imbibe slowly
79 Virtuoso
80 Assented to
81 App-ordered rides
82 Cato's 1,550
83 Desirous of
85 Aerie bird
86 Torte or baba
90 Drink cooler
91 Dept. of Justice chiefs
93 Tristan's love
94 Actress Greer
96 Posterior
97 Musical note equivalent to F
98 Necessities
99 Orlando theme park
100 Peter of "M"
101 Combined
102 Actor Dana
103 "— Mio"
107 City WNW of Tulsa
109 "Can I borrow — of sugar?"
110 Cone-bearing tree
111 Wields
113 Racing circuit
115 Actor Beatty
116 Suffix with hero
117 French for "summer"
118 — -noir film



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel like you have all the answers right now. But it might be wise to listen to other ideas before you decide to close the lid on other possibilities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bovines give and expect loyalty, so it might not be easy to reconcile with someone you feel let you down. Why not ask a neutral party to set up a clear-the-air meeting?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Anticipating the holidays with family and friends fuels your must-do GEMINI energies. But try to pace yourself so that you'll be up for whatever comes along later.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) More background information might come through regarding a decision you expect to make. Be sure to check the source carefully before you move.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The strong, nurturing nature of the Lion comes through this week as you reach out to family and friends in need of your warm and loving support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A relationship that has almost totally unraveled could be close to being restored with more effort on your part to be more patient and less judgmental.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of fair play is strong this week, which can cause a problem with a longtime relationship. But in the end, you'll know what decision to make.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might not know all the facts behind an unwelcome development, so keep your SCORPIOn temper in check and resist lashing out at anyone.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to reinforce relationships with family, friends and colleagues that might have been overlooked in recent years.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family situations continue to thrive. Business associations also improve. Some holiday plans might have to be shifted a bit. Be flexible.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Avoid any influence of negative energy in this week's aspect by not allowing small problems to grow into large ones. Work them out immediately.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A friend might need advice on how to deal with a challenge to their moral values. And who better than you to give the honest answer? Good luck!

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sense of honor and determination that is palpable and inspires others to follow your lead.

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energy of summer and the calm stillness of winter. While rooted in Marion, the photographs also speak more broadly to the essence of coastal New England. Many of the scenes - boats at rest in the harbor, shifting light on the water, narrow woodland paths - can evoke a sense of familiarity and memory even for those who have never visited the town.

Viewers have often remarked on the timeless quality of the images and the way they evoke personal memories - warm summer light, quiet shorelines, and the distinct textures of the New England coast. Even without knowing Marion, many people find that the photographs resonate deeply, reminding them of their own connections to coastal landscapes.

Zhou explains that the project grew from a desire to honor the place where he and his family have lived for more than two decades.

"I've lived in many different places - Beijing, small towns in Virginia, and larger suburban areas," he says. "But Marion is the place where we chose to raise

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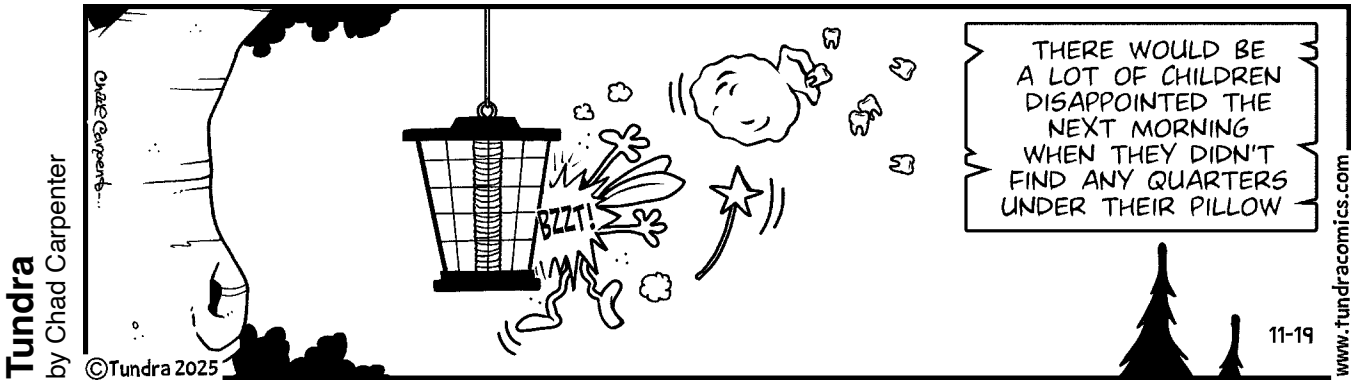
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by Chad Carpenter
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THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF CHILDREN DISAPPOINTED THE NEXT MORNING WHEN THEY DIDN'T FIND ANY QUARTERS UNDER THEIR PILLOW
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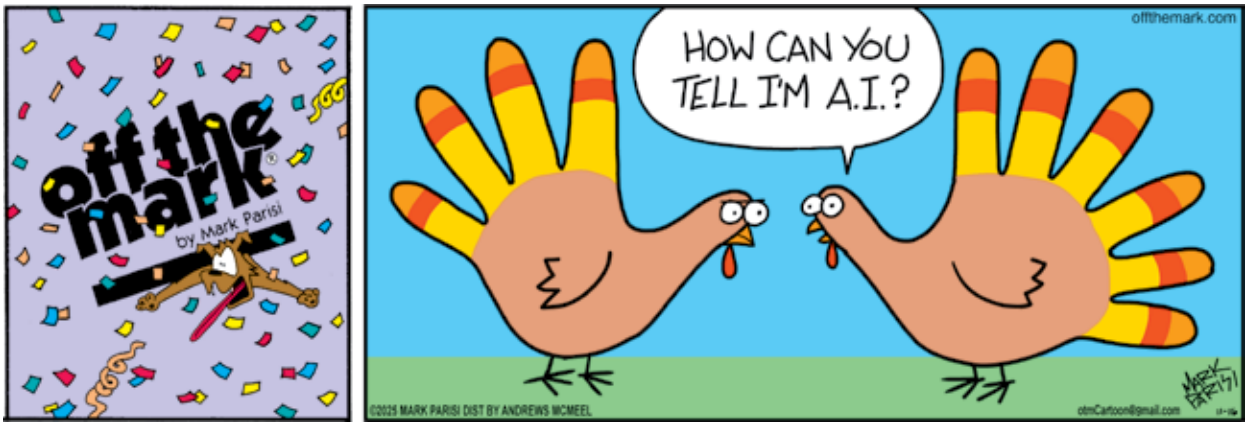
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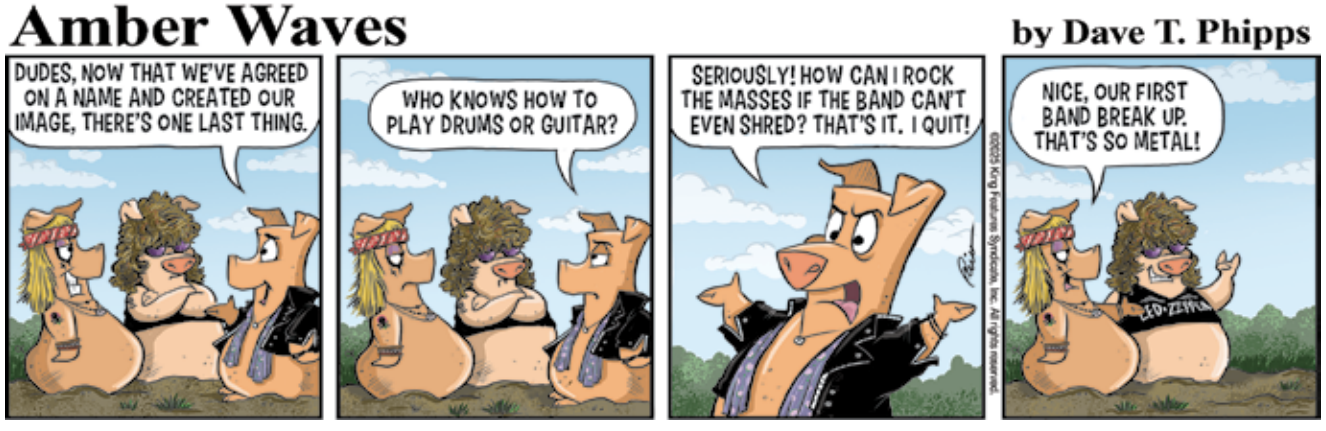
Amber Waves
by Dave T. Phipps
DUDES, NOW THAT WE'VE AGREED ON A NAME AND CREATED OUR IMAGE, THERE'S ONE LAST THING.
WHO KNOWS HOW TO PLAY DRUMS OR GUITAR?
SERIOUSLY! HOW CAN I ROCK THE MASSES IF THE BAND CAN'T EVEN SHRED? THAT'S IT. I QUIT!
NICE, OUR FIRST BAND BREAK UP. THAT'S SO METAL!

our family, and every aspect of it feels like home. Every time I leave - whether it's a long trip or just an afternoon away - I'm reminded of how special it is when I return. This book reflects the feeling of taking that look again and appreciating this place with fresh eyes."

Christmas on Church Street

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church's annual Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, **December 6** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in Reynard Hall at 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett. This year's event will include homemade frozen foods, baked treats and homemade candy, hand knitted and crafted items, Christmas/holiday decorations, gift items, greenery for wreaths as well as jewelry, a kids' table and a delicious hot soup luncheon. All proceeds benefit the ministries of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. For additional information, please contact the church office at 508-758-2671 or mattcongchurch@gmail.com.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

I found an interesting pamphlet in a file cabinet drawer at the Museum. It's dated 1967 and is devoted to the town of Rochester. Among other information, it states that Rochester's industries over the years included

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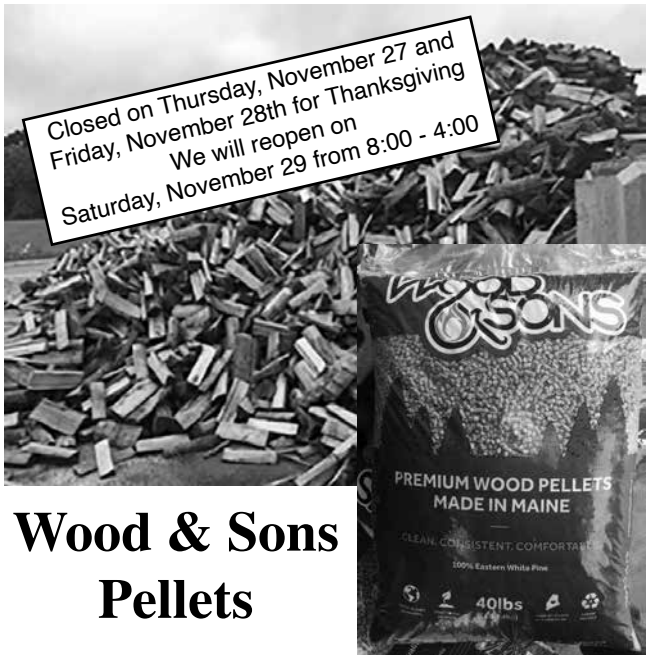

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LEGAL NOTICES

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Mattapoisett – Corridor Improvements and Related Work on Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road
Project File No. 607440

A Design Public Hearing will be held to present the design for the proposed project in Mattapoisett, MA.
WHERE: Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium
135 Marion Road
Mattapoisett, MA 02739
WHEN: Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 6:30 pm
PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.
PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of the reconstruction of Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road between Tobey Lane and Route 6 (a total distance of approximately 1.39 miles). The project will include construction of new concrete sidewalks, varying in width from 5 feet to 11 feet wide, on at least one side of the roadway for the entire length. Other improvements consist of replacement of the existing closed drainage and water distribution systems, and full-depth pavement reconstruction.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 607440. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted on the MassDOT website listed below.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

In case of inclement weather, a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events.

JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR
CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER 11/13, 11/20

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
MATTAPOISETT SELF STORAGE, Inc.
SELF STORAGE FACILITY AUCTION SALE

Mattapoisett Self Storage Operator's Sale for non payment of Storage Charges pursuant to the power of sale contained in M.G.L. Chapter 105A, Section 4. The following property will be sold at Public Auction at 10:30 am on Thursday, December 4, 2025, on the premises of Mattapoisett Self Storage, 7 Industrial Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. All household furniture, trunks, books, clothes, appliances, tools, antiques, miscellany held for: Nadine Jones, Unit C095. Sale per order of Mattapoisett Self Storage. Tel: 508-758-4311. Terms: Cash. Units sold by the entirety. Sale is subject to postponement and/or cancellation. www.StorageAuctionSolutions.com Lic # 350. 11/13, 11/20

TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room
550 Mill Street
Also Available via Teams (Remote Participation Option)

On Monday, December 1, 2025, at 7:05 pm, the Marion Planning Board will hold a public hearing pursuant to the Town's Stormwater Management Bylaw and Subdivision Control Law, to consider adoption of the following new regulations and/or amendments:
• Adopt/promulgate new stormwater management regulations to the Stormwater Management Bylaw.
• Amend 300-4.6 Stormwater Management of the Subdivision Regulations.

The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text of the proposed regulations and amendments at the Town Hall Annex, 14 Barnabas Road, Office of the Planning Board or at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Please email Olivia Prior for the remote meeting information: oprior@marionma.gov. If you are a resident attending the public hearing, we request you identify your name and address for the record.
Join Teams Meeting
http://bit.ly/3IXsp9A
Meeting ID: 243 922 133 385 8
Passcode: Rg38Me7D
Andrew Daniel, Chairman
Alanna Nelson, Vice Chair 11/13, 11/20

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1228

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of John N. Vasvatekis, for property located at 0 County Road, identified on Assessor's Map 17, Lot 10, who is seeking a Special Permit to use the property for firearms and tactical training for local, state and federal Law Enforcement, military personnel and the general public under Chapter 20.40, Section F.6.

The public hearing will be on Thursday, December 11th, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.
Donald Spirlet, Chairman 11/20, 11/27

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1229

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Jullius H. & Sandra Britto, for property located at 194 Burgess Avenue, identified on Assessor's Map 15, Lot 1F, who is seeking a Variance for a side setback that is 6.2 ft less than the required 40 feet and a Variance for a side setback that is 1.5 ft less than the required 40 feet, under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1.

The public hearing will be on Thursday, December 11th, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.
Donald Spirlet, Chairman 11/20, 11/27

TOWN OF MARION
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DEVELOPMENT OF A HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Town of Marion, acting through the Office of the Town Administrator and Chief Procurement Officer, invites sealed bids from qualified responders to provide professional services to the Town of Marion and develop a Harbor Management Plan.

Proposal Documents may be obtained electronically only; downloaded directly from the Town of Marion website: www.marionma.gov/Bids.aspx starting at 8:00am on November 14, 2025. Proposal deadline is 2:00pm on December 12, 2025. The Town of Marion reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so. Minority and Women's Business enterprise are encouraged to submit bids for this project.
Geoffrey Gorman, CPO
Town Administrator 11/20

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Nepo Realty LLC.

The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling and perform associated site work.

The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zones AE (El. 16) and VE (El. 17) and partially within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of an off-site Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

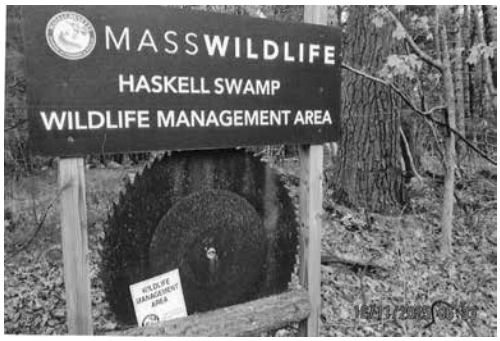
The property is located on Ned's Point Road and is further identified as Lot #103 on Assessors Map #7. 11/20

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
PROJECT: Water Street Culvert Replacement
LOCATION: 30 Water Street Mattapoisett, MA

Continued on page 46

mills and that at one time lumber mills were Rochester's chief industry. There were lumber mills of all types -box, shingle, longboard- and the three principal mills were the Church, Rounseville and Hartley sawmills. In the early 20th century, the supply of softwood, coniferous trees in the region fueled the boom in the business.

In 1888, James Hartley who immigrated to the United States from England purchased the mill site on what was then Rochester Avenue. This site had hosted other water-driven industries. The business was so successful that at one time the operation owned 2,400 acres of woodlots, was the town's largest employer and the road that ran in front of it was renamed Hartley Rd.



Now, back to the pamphlet. It tells the history of the days when logging was a profitable concern. Gangs of woodcutters would move into Haskell Swamp. They would create their own camps with cabins for housing. Within the camp, they would have teams of horses or oxen to drag trees they felled to an area where the cedar and pines were stacked. The wood would be collected all winter and then when the logging trails became passable, trucks would drive into Haskell's. The loads of logs along with those from other woodlots would be driven to a sawmill and the logs would be fed directly into the mill or dumped into the mill's pond for summer storage.

Logging gradually became a less lucrative business. Box mills lost out to cardboard and plastic. The Hurricane of 1944 brought down close to 90% of the largest pines in Rochester's woods. Once you factored in the demands for higher wages, rises in costs and competition from lumber coming from both the west and south, running a large mill was unprofitable and by the 1960's all the large mills were gone.

The current exhibit "The Tools and Industries That Made Rochester" at the Rochester Historical Society Museum at 355 County Rd., Rochester, has an interesting collection of sawmill tools and memorabilia. The Museum will be open both Sunday, Nov.23 and 30th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. After that you can visit by appointment by calling 617-750-818.

The Rochester Historical Society

The Rochester Historical Society Museum will be open on the remaining 2 Sundays in November. After that call 617-750-2818 to arrange an appointment. We are located at 355 County Rd. in Rochester.

In December we will have 2 events to be announced soon, but the interesting news is that if you

NOTICE TO MATTAPOISETT RESIDENTS

WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Water main flushing will be conducted from 11/3/2025 until 11/21/2025.

Flushing will begin 11/3/2025 at 7:30 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. in the Acushnet rd. and North Street areas.

The center of Town will be flushed on 11/4/2025 between the hours of 7:30 pm until 3:00am

Flushing will be continued through 11/21/2025 during the daytime hours from

8:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m.

A Fire flow test will be conducted on 11/5/2025 at 9:00 am at the Housing Authority

Discolored or red water may be expected along with periods of low water pressure in some areas.

Locations most likely to be affected are those south of Route 6 extending from Main Street .Other areas may be affected due to system hydraulics please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Water Street Public ROW Mattapoisett, MA
PROPONENT: Town of Mattapoisett - Highway Department

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before 11/17/2025

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA," M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62L). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:
Agent: Samuel Campbell, scampbell@gpinet.com, (978) 570-2989 &
Agent: Alexa Marquis, amarquis@gpinet.com, (978) 570-2559

Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Mattapoisett.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, receive public comments on the project, and then decide if an Environmental Impact Report is required. A site visit and/or remote consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit and/or remote consultation session, should email MEPA@mass.gov or the MEPA analyst listed in the Environmental Monitor. Requests for language translation or other accommodations should be directed to the same email address. Mail correspondence should be directed to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.
By Town of Mattapoisett - Highway Department
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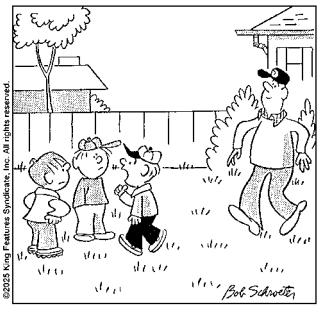

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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go to the Town of Rochester Facebook page, you can see a great photo spread of our current exhibit. Check it out and then come and view the real thing.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

The library will be closed at noon on Wednesday, November 26, and closed all day on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and November 28, in celebration of Thanksgiving.

Drop off gently used books, puzzles, and games for the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library's Donation Days, through December 3. Please make sure all materials are in sellable condition. Check out our Holiday Raffle Baskets and shop our Holiday Book Sale to benefit the library starting Thursday, **December 4** at 2:00 pm, and continuing through Saturday December 6.

Drop in on Thursday, **November 20** any time from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm to make your own spice blends for unique holiday gifts.

Ongoing in November- Free recipes and spice packets from our Spice Pantry, available all month long.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org. 8 Spring Street Marion, MA 02738. 508-748-1252.

Hear Our Voice

The Hear Our Voice concert will be presented at Wickenden Chapel on Saturday **December 13** at 4:00 pm. This special concert is a collaboration between the South Coast Children's Chorus, St. Gabriel's Choir, and Tabor Madrigal Singers.

Hear Our Voice is a heartfelt choral project celebrating themes of community and the power of our children's voices. The performance brings together the South Coast Children's Chorus (SCCC), including its Advanced and Preparatory Choruses, alongside St. Gabriel's Choir and Tabor Academy's select ensemble the Madrigals.

Hear Our Voice is open to the public and free of charge on Saturday, December 13 at 4:00 pm at Tabor Academy Wickenden Chapel, 86 Spring Street, Marion.

The mission of the South Coast Children's Chorus is to provide a joyful, educational choral experience for young singers, helping them to develop responsibility, confidence, musicianship, and a passion for excellence in all they do. The SCCC core values are Service, Culture, Confidence & Community. SCCC singers are from many communities throughout the South Coast of Massachusetts including: Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham, and international destinations through the Tabor Academy partnership. Under the direction of Dr. Tianxu Zhou, SCCC performs throughout the South Coast and provides free music education through choral singing

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*Not a Member of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library?
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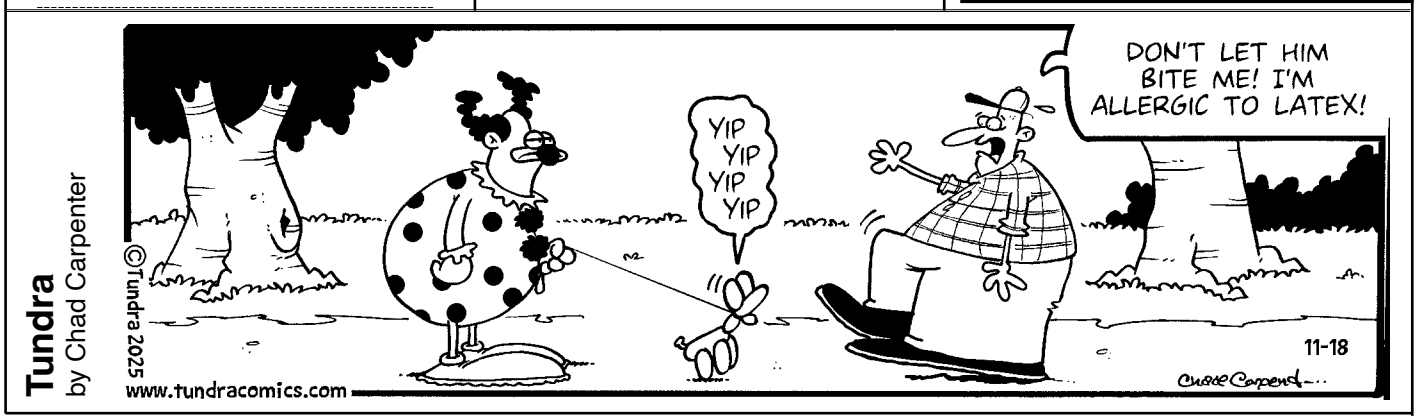

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The First Congregational Church of Marion is happy to host its Annual Holiday Luncheon to coincide with the Sippican Women's Club Holiday House Tour. The luncheon takes place on Saturday, **December 13** from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. With a price of $18 per ticket, this event promises to be a delightful stop during the House Tour or an opportunity to enjoy some holiday cheer.

The luncheon features our famous hot chicken salad or soup, dressed greens, bread, beverages, plus cheesecake with topping for dessert. The cost of the luncheon is $18. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Marion General Store, at Penny Pinchers, online, and will also be available at the door on the day of the event.

Before or after lunch, stop by the Cookie Sale to purchase delicious holiday cookies made by some of the best bakers of the church. These cookies will be offered in beautifully decorated boxes and will make a perfect host or hostess gift or a special treat when company pops in.

The Holiday Luncheon and Cookie Sale will be held on the second floor of The First Congregational Church Community Center, 144 Front Street, Marion. This building, equipped with a stairlift, is located at the rear of the Marion General Store parking lot. Parking is available at the back right of the lot, plus there is additional parking at Island Wharf. Come, bring your friends, and enjoy.

Friends Of The Mattapoisett Library Jewelry Sale

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library will host their annual Jewelry and Accessory sale at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, next month. This wildly popular event kicks off with a Friends members-only preview sale on Thursday, **December 4**, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Not a member? Not a problem.

Pick up a form at the circulation desk any time before December 4, or join on the evening of the Preview Sale.

Sale dates for the general public are Friday, **December 5**, from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Saturday, **December 6**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Find lovely pieces you can wear or gift to friends and family for the holidays while helping the library. Proceeds from Friends fundraisers support the museum pass program and several children, teen, and adult programs. Now is a good time to join or renew your Friends of the Mattapoisett Library membership to take part in their preview sale.

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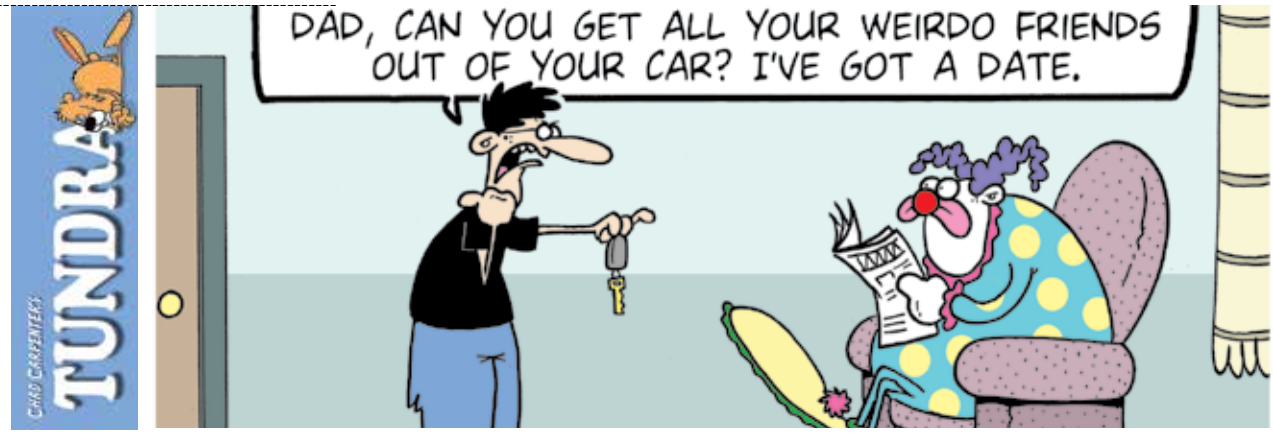

scarves, gloves, purses, hats, sunglasses, wallets, and keychains. Items should be in new, like-new, or gently used condition. The last day for donations is Sunday, November 16.

Wareham Garden Club Holly Faire

The annual Holly Faire presented by the Wareham Garden Club will take place on Saturday, **December 6**, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm noon at St. Patrick's Hall 82 High St. Wareham. There will be beautiful fresh green wreaths, swags, boxwood trees, kissing balls, holiday centerpieces and bundled greens. We will have homemade Christmas cookies, jams, and delicious items on our bake table. Members are busy handcrafting gifts, and beautiful ornaments for your tree.

The money raised will go towards funding the club's college scholarship fund, ongoing community beautification projects, monthly garden therapy program at the Council on Aging, educational horticultural programs and so much more. The club meets on the second Thursday of each month, with the exception of January, February, July and August.

For membership information send an email with your interest to warehamgardenclubma@gmail.com.

Reception At Mattapoisett Free Public Library

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library is pleased to announce a welcome reception for its new Library Director, Jenny Martin, on **December 2**, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the library (7 Barstow Street). Light refreshments will be served. The public is invited to meet Ms. Martin, learn about the library's upcoming programs, and celebrate the library's continued commitment to serving the Mattapoisett community.

Small Works + Holiday Shop

The Marion Art Center announces its annual exhibit, Small Works + Holiday Shop. The show runs **November 22** through **December 19** with an opening reception scheduled on Saturday, November 22 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

The exhibit will feature original works of art all under fourteen inches, plus a curated selection of handmade goods such as jewelry, textiles, ceramics, woodworks, gifts, and more. Shop for yourself or find the perfect gifts for others. All pieces may be removed from the galleries upon purchase for this cash and carry show. Can't decide? We have gift certificates available. Learn more at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit.

Bulldog Pride Alumni Association Grant Program

The Bulldog Pride Alumni Association (BPAA) is pleased to announce the launch of its Grant Program for the 2025–2026 academic year, supporting creative and impactful initiatives at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School (ORRJHS) and Old Rochester Regional High School (ORRHS).

The program is open to students, teachers, and current staff of ORR schools. Applicants must complete the digital application as directed and are kindly asked to inform their school principal of the proposed project prior to submission.

BPAA grants aim to fund programs that enhance the educational experience during the current school year. Disbursements for equipment and services will begin on February 2, 2026, while reimbursements for materials and supplies must be submitted no later than June 1, 2026.

Applicants may indicate if their proposal is part of a multi-year project. Upon successful completion of the first year's goals, they may apply for an additional grant for the 2026–2027 school year. The BPAA Grants Committee will evaluate these applications based on the merits of the completed project.

For the 2025–2026 cycle, the BPAA is committing $3,000 to support selected projects through this grant program.

Application Deadline: All applications must be submitted by Monday, December 22 at 11:59pm.

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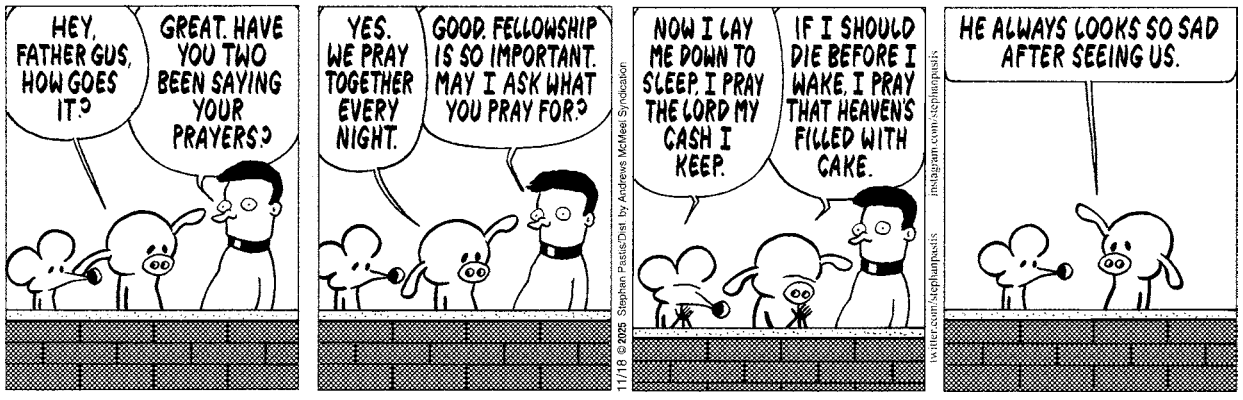

MWC Great Decisions Discussion Group

Do you have plans on Wednesday afternoons this winter? Get out of the house and join a thoughtful group of tri-town residents who seek to learn more about the world we live in. The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is offering the Great Decisions Program, a weekly in-person gathering where local residents meet to discuss foreign policy topics in an informal atmosphere. Moderators take turns launching the discussion which often includes guest speakers or videos to kick it off. Topic materials are provided in advance by the nonprofit, nonpartisan Foreign Policy Association. The conversation is friendly and welcoming of all perspectives. We offer light refreshments, coffee and tea. You don't have to be a foreign policy expert to participate–just someone who wants to become an informed global citizen.

Great Decisions meets Wednesdays from **January 14, 2026,** through **March 4** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the downstairs Community Room at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street.

Registration is limited to 30 people and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. This program is open to all members of the Mattapoisett community and surrounding towns.

To register please submit your information using the following link: forms.gle/836hn9gX8m6wKyLu9 and send a check made out to the Mattapoisett Woman's Club for $40.00 to cover text and expenses. If two registrants are sharing one book the price is $50.00. If you prefer to mail in your registration, please include your name, address, email address and phone number on a piece of paper and include it with your check and mail it to: Mattapoisett Woman's Club, Box 1444 Mattapoisett MA 02739, Attn: Treasurer (memo on check Great Decisions).

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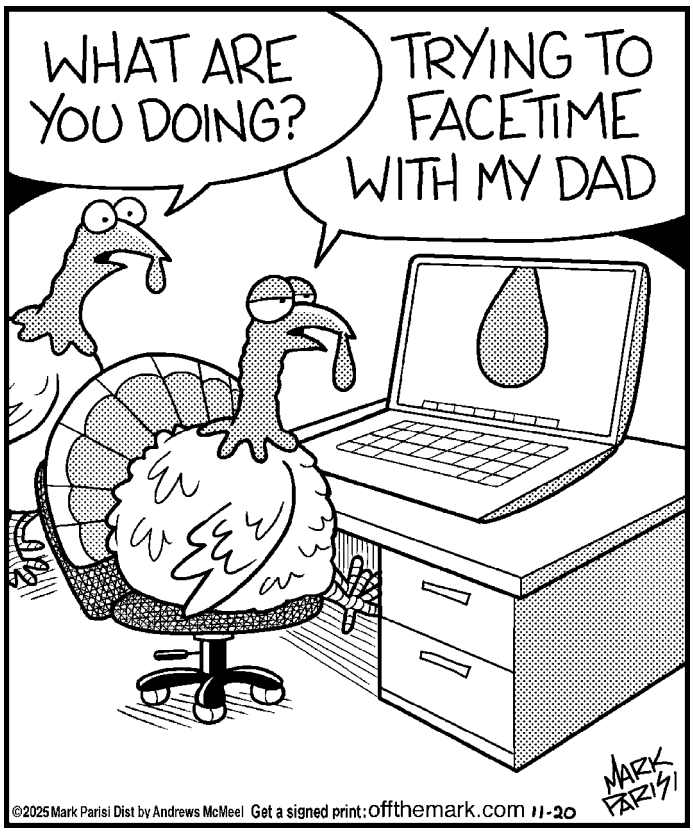

Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	November 20	7:39	7:58	12:38	1:37
Friday	November 21	8:13	8:34	1:17	2:16
Saturday	November 22	8:48	9:12	1:57	2:54
Sunday	November 23	9:26	9:52	2:37	3:31
Monday	November 24	10:06	10:37	3:16	4:07
Tuesday	November 25	10:52	11:26	3:55	4:46
Wednesday	November 26	11:42		4:39	5:31
Thursday	November 27	12:17	12:34	5:33	6:26
Friday	November 28	1:09	1:27	6:44	7:27
Saturday	November 29	2:03	2:24	8:10	8:26
Sunday	November 30	3:00	3:25	9:27	9:20
Monday	December 1	4:01	4:28	10:29	10:10
Tuesday	December 2	5:00	5:27	11:23	11:00
Wednesday	December 3	5:55	6:22	15 PM	11:49
Thursday	December 4	6:48	7:15		1:09
Friday	December 5	7:41	8:07	12:40	2:05
Saturday	December 6	8:34	9:00	1:34	2:59
Sunday	December 7	9:27	9:54	2:28	3:49

Phases of the Moon		
	New Moon	November 20th
	First Quarter	November 28th
	Full Moon	December 4th
	Last Quarter	December 11th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on ***I Found the Aardvark***

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Stage; 2. Drudge;
3. Blithe; 4. Menace

Today's Word

LAUGHING

Sudoku Answer

5	9	6	1	3	8	4	7	2
8	7	3	4	9	2	5	6	1
4	1	2	6	7	5	8	9	3
2	6	4	8	5	9	1	3	7
1	8	5	7	6	3	9	2	4
7	3	9	2	4	1	6	5	8
3	4	7	5	8	6	2	1	9
6	2	8	9	1	7	3	4	5
9	5	1	3	2	4	7	8	6

off the mark by Mark Parisi

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Half Liter Bottles, 8 pk. Selected Variety
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Poland Spring Water — $5.99

12 oz. Cans, 8 pk. Selected Variety
La Croix Sparkling Water — $4.19 +Dep.

Gallon, Selected Variety
AriZona Beverages — $3.99

9-16 oz. Shells or Selected Variety
Barilla Lasagna Noodles — $2.19

6 oz. Selected Variety
Stove Top Stuffing Mix — 2/$5

11-15.5 oz. Selected Variety
Del Monte Canned Vegetables — 2/$4

6 oz.
French's Crispy Fried Onions — $4.99

15 oz.
One Pie Canned Pumpkin — 2/$5

20 oz. Selected Variety
Dole Canned Pineapple — 2/$5

14 oz. Selected Variety
Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce — 2/$5

23-24 oz. Selected Variety
Mott's Applesauce — $2.59

10.5 oz. Cream of Chicken or Mushroom
Campbell's Condensed Soup — 2/$3

12 oz.
Heinz Chili or Cocktail Sauce — $2.69

1 oz.
McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract — $4.99

1.12 oz.
McCormick Pumpkin Pie Spice — $7.39

5-6 oz. Selected Variety
PAM Cooking Spray — $3.99

14 oz.
Pillsbury Pumpkin or Banana Bread Mix — 2/$6

5 lb.
King Arthur Unbleached Flour — $4.99

4 lb.
Domino Granulated Sugar — $4.49

14 oz.
Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk — $2.99

8-13.7 oz. Selected Variety
Nabisco Snack Crackers — 2/$6

4.25 oz. Selected Variety
Blue Diamond Nut-Thins Crackers — $3.99

16 oz. Selected Variety
Planters Peanuts — $5.49

32 oz. Selected Variety
Hood Eggnog — $3.49

8 oz.
Pillsbury Crescent Rolls — 2/$7

14.1 oz. 2 ct.
Pillsbury Ready Pie Crust — 2/$7

8-16 oz. Selected Variety
Land O Lake Butter — $4.49

8 oz. Bar, Selected Variety
Philadelphia Cream Cheese — 2/$6

8 oz. Selected Variety
Cool Whip Whipped Topping — 2/$5

16 oz. Selected Variety
Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream — $5.49

MEAT, DELI, PREPARED FOODS & CHEESE

Fresh
Pork Tenderloin
$4.99 lb

Deli Sliced
Boar's Head American Cheese
$7.99 lb

16 oz. Pkg. Regular or Thick Cut
Hormel Black Label Bacon — $8.99

11 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Al Fresco Chicken Sausage — $4.99

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Packaged Seafood Salad — $10.99 lb

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Packaged Red Bliss Potato Salad — $6.99 lb

8 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
BelGioioso Cheese Wedge — $4.99

4 oz. Pkg. Cranberry
Vermont Creamery Goat Cheese — $4.99

WINE

Cloudline - 750 ml. Oregon
Pinot Noir — $18.99 Reg. - $21.99

Kermit Lynch - 750 ml. France
Beaujolais — $17.99 Reg. - $20.99

BAKERY

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Superior on Main Eclairs — $4.49

Loaf
Fresh Baked Italian Bread — $4.19

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College Inn Broth
2/$5

12 oz. Selected Variety
Heinz Home Style Gravy
$2.59

Deli Sliced
New England Traditions Virginia Baked Ham
$8.99 lb

6-8 oz. Selected Variety Bars or
Cabot Shredded Cheese
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48 oz. Frozen Yogurt or
Selected Variety
Hood Ice Cream
$3.49

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Fresh
Sweet Potatoes — **$1.29 lb**

Bunch
Celery — **$2.49 ea**

Fresh
Asparagus — **$3.99 lb**

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